

of the Sault to them; and that the only way to retain them is to grant them the change they ask for, and the necessary funds for clearing a tract two arpents square, and erecting a palisaded enclosure with a new fort and a church.

This expenditure has seemed to him so indispensable for the welfare of the Colony—whereof the Savages of that mission would constitute the chief defense, if we had a war with the English or with the Iroquois—that he has already given 450 francs on account of this expenditure. This he will continue to do until the sum of 1,000 francs is reached, pending the receipt of orders, as it is absolutely necessary to begin work there, in order to induce the savages of that mission not to settle among the five Iroquois nations,—who are becoming more and more formidable through their great numbers, and who seek occasions for a rupture. He says that the fort of the Nepissériens cost over 4,000 francs, including the Missionary's house.²

Monsieur the Marquis de Vaudreuil considers this change indispensable. It would be necessary to order a fund of 2,000 francs this year on account of this expenditure; and, when he shall be on the spot, he will do what he can to make this amount suffice by urging the savages to contribute, by their labor, to the construction of the fort.

Done and ordered by the council of marine, held at the Louvre on the 1st of April, 1716.

Signed: L. A. DE BOURBON,
the Maréchal d'Estrées.

By the Council;

Signed: LA CHAPELLE.

*Follow
Monsieur
De
Vaudreuil's
advice, and
have the
2,000 francs
given; give
a note of
this to
Monsieur
Argond.*