

country of Acadia, also ask that a church be built for them, and the reasons alleged are similar to those for the former mission.

*Monsieur Begon* proposes that toward the building of these two churches—and he considers their construction a matter of importance—a fund of 1,200 livres be granted. Of that sum he will render an account, as well as of what may be needed to complete them.

*Monsieur the Marquis de Vaudreuil* considers it very advisable to give these savages what they ask in this matter. *Messieurs de Ramezay* and *Begon* write on November 7, 1715, that Father Aubry, the Jesuit missionary of the Abenakis, has informed them that *Athurnando*—one of the principal chiefs of that nation, who has resided for eight years at St. François, whither *Monsieur de Vaudreuil* and *Monsieur de Beauharnois*<sup>4</sup> had induced him to settle with all his village, to the number of 60 warriors, so that he might remain there at least during the war—came back to St. François in the month of august last from Pegouaki, where his former village was situated. He had gone thither to hunt during the winter, and began last spring to sow corn there.<sup>5</sup> He told *Monsieur Begon* that he intended to speak to *Monsieur de Vaudreuil*—who he supposed had returned from France—to ask him, in fulfillment of the promise that he had given, for permission to reëstablish his former village, since peace was declared; and to take there with him the savages of St. François and of Bécancourt, who might wish to follow him, hoping that some Loup savages from Orange would join him. The chief also intended to ask that Father Aubry might go with him. He

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