

Two letters to Father Sébastien Rale, 1721.

I HAVE received, my Reverend Father, the Letter that you did me The honor of writing to me on The 18th of last month. As Monsieur Devaudreuil Was at montreal when the Savages whom you Sent here arrived, I Hired Four of Them to convey to Him The Letter that you had Written. I sent with It one that I had also Written, to communicate to him Reverend Father de la Chasse's ideas and mine respecting what seemed to us Most Advisable to do until The Council of Marine has Explained Whether The king's intention Is that the french should join the Savages, To Support Them Openly Against The english; or whether he will Content himself with supplying Them with Munitions of War, As the Council wrote that Monsieur De Vaudreuil might do, in the Event of The english sending any Expedition Against Them. I Send you A Copy of my Letter, in order that you may also tell me the views that seem to you the best.

Monsieur De Vaudreuil Came down here with Those Savages, and stopped at St. Francois and at Becancourt to Invite The Savages of Those Missions to Send Deputies from Their Villages to the conference That is to be Held. He had Intended to write to the english governor; but since his return he has Changed his mind, and has Contented himself with Following the principal articles of the Memorial That you Sent Him — which are, that they are to Remain