

and would have got up a party against the Foxes had he not prevented it by presents, and the hopes held out that the Foxes would lay down the war club, adding to this that we were laboring at the Bay for a general peace.

I have the honor to send a copy of the speech I made as a response to this.

No. 5

LETTER OF THE MARQUIS DE BEAUHARNOIS, DATED AT
QUEBEC, OCT. 1ST, 1726

MONSEIGNEUR:—I think you have already learned with great satisfaction, by Monsieur Longueil, of the peace effected with the Foxes. It gives me infinite pleasure, Monseigneur, to confirm the news.

Upon the account which Monsieur De Lignery has rendered of his doings in the month of June last, during his journey to the Bay, I have endeavored to take all proper measures to affirm the peace, in order to avoid a war which, however successful it might be in the end, could not fail to cost both Colonies very much.

M. De Longueil, whom I had requested to come with Monsieur De Lignery, that they might examine together what was most proper to be done, considered that it would be better to determine the war of the Foxes with the Illinois by alliances with other nations; and such was the opinion of M. De Lignery, and my own.

We did not abandon for this purpose the intention we had of detaching the Sioux from the interests of the Foxes, and I have taken, together with M. Dupuy, the necessary measures to send a missionary to the Sioux.

Monsieur De Lignery has advised me, that since the word given him by the Chiefs of the Foxes and the Sauks of the Bay, not to make war any more on the Illinois, two parties of