

cution of this project, of which he had already made arrangements to give an account. But he had thought it necessary to demand funds to meet the expense of this war, which with the closest economy, would exceed 60,000 livres, and that it would be necessary to have advances.

They hoped that the full amount would be realized by the supplemental funds, without taking anything from the ordinary expenditures. The new undertaking of the English, and the threats of Indians who wish to throw off the yoke, have reduced the Colony to an extremity that justifies the necessity of war with the Foxes. It is important to strike a sudden blow which shall overthrow the forts of the savages, and the projects of our enemies.]

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MEMORANDA FROM A PRIVATE LETTER OF M. DE BEAUHARNOIS, SEPTEMBER 25, 1727—STATING

That M. Dupuy and himself had given the reasons which had forced them to the necessity of making war on the Foxes, and he thought it a duty also to state what he had written on this subject to M. De Siette, commanding with the Illinois. He sends, also, a copy of a letter he had written, and of a memoire which he prepared at Montreal, where he assembled the officers to deliberate on this matter. He has sent a circular letter to all the commandants of Forts in the Upper Country, to advise them of the resolution that had been taken, and to cause them to make all the necessary preparations for the expedition.

In the coming spring, he will take the best measures in his power to ensure success.

Monsieur De Cavaignac, by a letter of September 19th, states that he has not accepted the furlough granted to him, as M. De Beauharnois had informed him of a resolution to make war on the Foxes in the spring. This interfered with all commerce in the Upper Country, and affected injuriously all the nations, including the French.