

MONSIEUR BEARHARNOIS, IN A LETTER TO M. DE SIETTE, COMMANDANT AMONG THE ILLINOIS, AUGUST 20, 1727, INFORMS HIM (DE SIETTE)

That, not being able any longer to rely upon the words of the Foxes, given to M. De Lignery, promising to remain at peace; and as, especially since the death of their chiefs, war parties are daily being formed, he has determined to make war upon them the coming year. This information is given in order that he may make preparations and give assistance by disposing the Illinois and the French of the Mississippi to join the Canadians. That it is of the highest consequence the Foxes should not be informed of this design, and for that purpose, to cause the report to be circulated for his people to repair to the Bay, about the end of July, where the party from Canada will be, and that you take provisions for the expedition.

It is reasonable to suppose, that the people in Louisiana will come to this war with more ardor than the Canadians, as they are much more exposed to the incursions of the Foxes, who alarm and even kill them continually. He expects to be informed of the measures that will be taken, and directs M. De Siette to give information to the Commandants of Forts within the government of Canada above.

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ABSTRACT OF M. DE BEAUHARNOIS' MEMOIRE RELATING TO THIS WAR, PREPARED AT MONTREAL

The order for the expedition to Choueguen having been revoked, and being determined to confine himself to this which has been ordered, and to oppose as much as possible to their designs by closing the road to the Iroquois, M. De Beauharnois explains no farther the news received from above. This had reference to the belts sent by the English to the different nations, for the destruction of the French, and also to the different war parties of the Foxes against the Illi-