

hour. The Beavers had worked hard for us, but we were obliged to break down their dam to let the boats pass, that were sent forward to clear the river & a place called the Chemin Couvert.

M^r de Celoron has a brother in the Rebel service, & I have no room to doubt his treasonable design in spreading reports that might delay us till next spring, when reinforcements from the colonies might effectually frustrate our attempts to regain the Illinois, or keep the Indians in our interest — double pay I take it has been his seducer, & as to his reward, I hope to have your Excellency's orders. I have ordered his suspension in the interim.

Your Excellency will I trust make allowance for the haste & incorrectness of this report.

I have the honor to be with all imaginable respect, Sir,
Your most obedient & most Obed^t humble Servant

HENRY HAMILTON.

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HALDIMAND'S SPEECH TO THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANS.

QUEBEC 2 July 1779.

His Excellency General Haldimand's speech to the Indians resorting to Michilimakinac and in its Vicinity.

After going thro' the usual ceremony of condolence with three strings of Wampum to wipe their eyes to see, clear the throat to speak, & open their ears to hear: go on as follows —

Children the Ottawas, Chipways, Misis-ageys and other Indian Nations that may be assembled at Michilim^c.

Being persuaded that there are among you as among other Nations Mis-chiefeous Birds that wisper into your ears all manner of bad News and Falshoods to disturb your well-being and Unanimity in order to bring you into Strife and trouble. I therefore by this string of Wampum earnestly advise you not to give Ear to such Birds but give due atten-