

later, thoroughly satisfied; but God was not, for at two days' journey from here old Achiganaga fell sick with a quinsy and died, which left his three children at liberty. This news reaching the savages, most of them in this place attributed his death to the French, saying that we killed him. I let them talk unheeded. It is only about two months since they set out for Kiaonan. I gave them letters to the French there, so that these may have nothing to say to them about the murder of their companions, as I have taken such satisfaction as I deemed just.

The Sauteurs gave them some collars in order that they might take good care that no trouble be made over the death of their brother; and in order, should any have evil designs, to restrain them by these collars, of which they are bearers. For my part, I do not doubt that this example will render them wiser, and produce very good results.

1686: GOVERNOR DENONVILLE ORDERS DU LUTH TO
ESTABLISH A POST AT DETROIT.

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VILLEMARIE,¹ June 6, 1686.

MONSIEUR: Although I sent word to you this autumn to come to meet me in order to confer with us about a great many things which can not be written, yet, as the Reverend Father Anialran [Enjalran] has come here and intends to go back to Michilimaquina as soon as the restitution of the prisoners shall have been effected, and as your presence is much more necessary with the Outaouats, I therefore give you orders in this letter not to come down, but to join Monsieur de la Durantaye, who is to be at Michilimaquina to execute the orders that I am sending to him for the security of our allies and friends.

You will see by the letters that I write to Monsieur de la

¹Villemarie ("city of Mary") was the name first given to Montreal by the religious colony who established that settlement (1641); they dedicated it to the Virgin Mary.—Ed.