

AT FORT FRONTENAC, September 23, 1701.

MONSIEUR—Our good fortune in meeting Madame de La Mothe at fort Frontenac gives me a fine opportunity of expressing my very humble thanks to you for all your kindness to me last summer, both on the journey and at Detroit. I beg you to be pleased to continue the same to him among our fathers who shall come down from Missilimakinac to Detroit; for I have no doubt that you will soon have one there, because, on Lake Erie, I met Quarante-sous, the Huron, who assured me that the Hurons would certainly go and settle near you this autumn.

As to the Iroquois whom we met on the way, we did not find them greatly opposed to your settlement. Some even told me that they were pleased that, when hunting near Lake Erie, they would find everything they needed at Detroit in exchange for their elk, deer, and doe skins. Thus you have only to consider the means of getting a quantity of cheap goods.

I do not give you the news we have learned here, because it has been told us by Madame de la Mothe, who will relate it to you as well as I could write it. I beg you to accept my very humble services, and to believe me, Monsieur,

Your very humble and very obedient servant,

FRANÇOIS VAILLANT,

Jesuit.

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1701: MICHILLIMAKINAC AND DETROIT.

[Extracts from letters by the Jesuit missionary Joseph Marest to La Mothe Cadillac; dated at Michillimakinac, Oct. 8 and 20, 1701. MSS. (copies) in archives of Province of Quebec; press-mark "Mss. relat. N. France, series 2, vol. 9, pp. 5117-5120."]

Monsieur De La forest has just started from here. Our canoes left nearly 15 days ago for la baie. Father Chardon<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>Jean B. Chardon came to Canada in 1699, and after two years joined the Western missions, soon coming to Green Bay (De Pere). He probably remained there until that post was abandoned; in May, 1705 (and for several years thereafter), he was with the Miamis on St. Joseph river. Charlevoix found him (1721) at Green Bay, ministering to the Indians; but no further information regarding him is available, save that he died in 1743.—ED.