

taken to open up commerce among the English of Carolina, and on the lower Mississippi, that they might carry thither their peltries, deputed Messieurs d'Auteuil and Péré to go to Montreal, to propose to Messieurs de Callières and de Champigny such measures as they should deem most suitable to remedy the evil. For this purpose, it is proposed to establish some posts on the routes of travel: one at the Miamis; one at the Ouabache river, at the place where it empties into the Mississippi (which will serve as a boundary between the Colony of Canada and the one that has been established on the Mississippi—all the more as by that route access is gained to the English of Carolina, and they can by the same road come upon our territories); another at Ouisconsin; and the last among the Sioux. The last-named are necessary because the trade of those nations has always been carried on through Canada; and in order that the Savages, finding at these places the French, of whom they are fond, and such wares as they need, may abandon the idea of going among strangers—and, finally, to prevent sieur Le Sueur from continuing to trade with the Sioux.

By means of these establishments the fort at Detroit can serve as a warehouse for all the goods; and the French who will be at the posts will induce the Savages who do not come down to Montreal to carry their peltries to Detroit. They will be sure to do that, all the more readily because the journey thither is as easy (and much shorter) as that to Carolina or to the lower Mississippi; and in this way we shall gather up all the trade in peltries, which belongs to the Colony.

It is not the purpose of the directors to make beaver-skins more abundant, for they are overstocked with them in both quantity and quality; but they intend that the agents of the Company shall instruct the Savages regarding the best sorts of peltries and the method of preparing them. They even hope to check for some time the supply of beaver-skins, which is so

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this company, see *Supp. Canad. Archives*, 1899, pp. 101-110, 112, 115; Margry's *Découv. et établ.*, v, pp. 172-203, 301-336, 360-367; and C. M. Burton's *Cadillac*, pp. 17-20.—*Jes. Relations*, lxx, pp. 272-273.