

united, they will accomplish the destruction of the Outtauois, or at least force him to abandon Michilimakina. The English are too acute not to profit by this opportunity, and will not fail to remind the Iroquois of his Dead. I speak Indian. The Iroquois having then nothing more to oppose him above, will wage a bloodier war than ever against us. Such, My Lord, are the reasons I had for temporizing. I do not say that satisfaction must not be exacted from the Outtauois, but as those of Michilimakina have not meddled in this affair at Detroit and as, meanwhile, the course of events reunited them all at Michilimakina, it is dangerous to begin a War which can cause us only considerable expense, the loss of a nation that has served us faithfully, and, in addition to that, a considerable loss of trade every year. War to oblige the Outtauois to abandon Michilimakina is a mistake; it will not end there; they will take refuge in Lake Superior, and, deriving supplies from the English through the head of Hudson's bay, will continue the war as long as the memory of what they will have suffered dwells among them.—*N. Y. Colon. Docs.*, ix, 779-781.

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1707: LOUIS XIV ORDERS INSPECTION OF WESTERN POSTS.

[“Instructions to Sieur Daigremont, subdelegate of Sieur Raudot, Intendant of New France, whom the King has selected to go to Fort Cataracouy, Niagara, Fort Detroit de Ponchartrain, and Missilimakinac.”]

VERSAILLES, 30th June, 1707.

His Majesty, intending to maintain these posts, has been pleased to send thither a confidential person to verify their present condition, the trade carried on there, and the utility they may be of to the Colony of Canada. He has selected him, being well persuaded that he will punctually execute what is contained in this Memoir, and render a satisfactory report thereof on his return.

His Majesty desires that he leave Quebec as soon as the season will admit of the commencement of the voyage. He furnishes an order on the Marquis de Vaudreuil, Governor-