

them very kindly, and a durable alliance has been the consequence.

I flatter, myself, Sir, it will be agreeable to you to be informed, that Mr. De Vincennes has faithfully performed his duty, and that he has labored assiduously here, as well as on his voyage to the Miamis and Ouyatonoms the last winter. If I am so happy, Sir, as to receive your approbation of my conduct, I shall be fully compensated for all my trouble, and shall experience no more dejection. My success has been much owing to the great influence I have over the nations; Mr. De Vincennes is the witness of this. I do not say this either to gratify my vanity, or to claim any credit, for truly I am very tired of Detroit. You can easily judge, Sir, in what a condition my affairs must be, in consequence of having no presents belonging to the king in my hands. However, I venture to trust to your goodness, and hope that you will not suffer a [poor] devil to be reduced to beggary.

I have the honor to be, with profound respect, Sir, your very humble, and obedient servant,

(Signed) DUBUISSON.

At FORT DU DETROIT, PONTCHARTRAIN, June 15, 1712.

[This letter was addressed to The Marquis de Vaudreuil, Governor-General of New France.]

Statement of expenditures, made by Mr. Dubuisson, for the service of the king, to gain an influence over the nations and to secure them in his interest, in order to sustain the post of the Fort de Pontchartrain, of Detroit, against the Ottagamies and Mascoutins, who had been paid by the English to destroy it—to wit:

4 barrels of powder of 50 lbs. each, to distribute to the Indians, for the defence of Fort Pontchartrain, and to attack that of the Ottagamies and Mascoutins; the powder having been purchased of the voyageurs, at 4 livres pr lb. making the sum of	<i>livres.</i> 800
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