

plies to the officers and to the Jesuit Missionaries at the posts. This includes also the Missionaries of the same Company who are at Kascaskias, and Those of the Missions Etrangères [Foreign Missions] who Are at Kaoukias in the Illinois country. These latter have had three Canoes This year, on account of a habitant of their Seigniory of Beaupré whom they sent to that mission with his family.¹ I add hereto Those given to the voyageurs who engage to carry the effects of the King to the posts, for The payment and clothing of the soldiers, and for presents to the savages. I believe there is nothing in this Contrary to the Wishes of the King, since I have taken Care to report my Proceedings to the Council of marine, which has not disapproved This custom.

I have not Hitherto noticed that love of gain has given rise to any bad conduct among the officers in the posts. They cannot give me bad Counsels, because I do not ask them for any whatever; and they restrict themselves to Reporting on matters relating to the savages of their posts, or any occurrence which seems to demand attention, and, finally, on the execution of the orders that I give them. Thus, Monseigneur, you may rest assured that if there were any one who did not keep in view above all else the good of the service of the King and The execution of his orders, I should not fail to Recall him.

I Hope, Monseigneur, that These Explanations, in regard to the Calumnious complaints that have been made Against me, will prevent any others, should such be made in future, from making any Impression.

¹ For the support of their missions, various landed estates were conferred upon the Jesuits. The seigniory of Beaupré was owned by the Seminary of Quebec. The Séminaire des Missions Etrangères of Quebec (founded in 1663) maintained, from 1698 until about 1712, various missions among the tribes on the lower Mississippi; most of these were then abandoned, save that among the Illinois. In the final decade of the French régime, the Illinois mission decayed; and the Seminary priests there ministered to the French habitants.—Ed.