

tion; and Obstacles that I had not Expected have taken so much of my Time during the Course of the year that I Fear lest, in the short space left me by the Ships—And during which I was ill for nearly a fortnight—I have been unable to give all the Information that you may have desired from Me.

Your Enlightenment, Monseigneur, will supply my defects; and I trust that, in excusing my Work, you will consider solely the desire that I have Had to do better, the unique and Invisible attachment that I shall have throughout my Life for the King's service, and the profound Respect with which I can never Cease to Be,

Monseigneur, Your very humble and very obedient servant,

DUPUY.

AT QUEBEC, October 20th, 1727.

1727: ENGLISH INTRIGUES AMONG THE WESTERN TRIBES;
FOXES DISAFFECTED; FRENCH WILL AGAIN WAGE WAR
AGAINST THEM.

[Letter of Beauharnois and Dupuy to the Minister; dated Oct. 25, 1727. Source, same as that of preceding document, but fol. 48.]

MONSEIGNEUR—We have the honor to represent to you in our answer to the King's memorial that the English, who are jealous of the Trade carried on by the French with the savage tribes of the upper country, try in every possible way to Deprive the French of that trade, and to make them objects of suspicion to the Savages, a great number of whom they have won over by means of considerable presents, which they continually give them. We are also informed that they have sent Collars underground to all the savage tribes among whom the French have posts or Establishments, to urge them to get rid of the French, and to Slaughter the garrisons; And that the Renards, who have received such Collars, have said that they would no longer suffer any French among them. And we also have the honor to write to You, Monseigneur, that inasmuch as this information has determined us to wage war in earnest against the Renards to fore-