

stall their evil designs, The *Sieur Marquis de Beauharnois* will next Spring take the proper measures for the Execution of that project, in connection with which he has already made arrangements of which he will have the honor of rendering you an Account. But, *Monseigneur*, we have not thought of asking you for the funds needed for defraying the expenses of that war—which, with every Economy on our part, cannot be less than 60,000 livres. We cannot help making this advance, but we Hope that you will have the goodness to have that sum repaid to us by a supplementary grant, and without curtailing any portion of what we take the liberty of asking of you for other expenditure. The fresh Enterprises of the English, and the threats of the savages who wish to throw off the yoke, have reduced this Colony to An Extremity that sufficiently justifies the necessity of the war against the *Renards*, and the Importance of striking a Signal blow, that may lower the pride of the savages and overthrow the projects of our Enemies.

We have the honor to be with very profound respect, *Monseigneur*, Your very humble and very obedient servants,

BEAUHARNOIS. DUPUY.

AT QUEBEC, this 25th of October, 1727.