

power to Make an Establishment among the Scioux, who have asked for Missionaries, and to send there a Commandant who would suit them.¹ However such an Establishment seemed difficult to found because news was received from there last year that a band of Renards had killed two Frenchmen who were on their way thither, and that those Savages had declared that they would not let a single Frenchman pass to the Scioux since it would diminish their Trade.²

They write³ that it is now easier than formerly to Establish a Post among the Scioux. That the Sieur de Lignery who came returned to France, and was made lieutenant-general of naval forces, a position he held but a short time, dying in June, 1749. For his instructions when appointed governor of New France, see O'Callaghan ed., *N. Y. Colonial Documents* (Albany, 1856-58), ix, p. 956. The first husband of Josephine, empress of the French, was descended from this family.

Claude Thomas Dupuy was appointed intendant of New France when Beauharnois was made governor. They became involved in disputes, and Dupuy having antagonized both the civil and ecclesiastical authorities was recalled in September, 1728.—Ed.

¹See *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, xvi, pp. 441, 442.—Ed.

²This information is to be found in the following extract from a letter of de Longueuil and Bégon to the French ministry, dated Quebec, Oct. 31, 1725: "We have been informed by a letter of the 21st of July last, from the Reverend Father Chardon, missionary at la Baye, to the Reverend Father La Chasse, superior of the Jesuits, who had designed that the former should begin the mission among the Sioux, that in addition to the five Frenchmen killed two years ago, two others were slain last spring, by a party of Kikapous and Renards; that the latter say that they will not permit *the French to go to the Sioux*, since the trade that they will carry on will considerably diminish their own; that the allied Renards and Sioux have made an attack on the French established among the Illinois, and that they are so exasperated against the Illinois, that they cannot be deterred, nor even the Sakis who live at la Baye, from waging war upon them; and that all these reasons indicate the difficulty and postponement of the enterprise to establish a missionary and a commandant among the Sioux." Margry, *Découvertes et établissements des Français 1614-1754* (Paris, 1876-85), vi, p. 543.—Ed.

³Marginal note on original MS. gives date 14th October, 1726, referring to a previous letter of the governor and intendant.—Ed.