

Letter of the Position of affairs of brother Chrestien with his creditors.

We remain with very profound respect, Monseigneur, Your very humble and very obedient servants

BEAUHARNOIS  
HOCQUART

QUEBEC, October 22nd, 1730.

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1730: LIGNERY ACQUITTED OF MISBEHAVIOUR IN 1728

[Letter of Hocquart to the French Minister, dated Oct. 23, 1870. MS. in archives of Ministère des Colonies, Paris; press-mark, "Canada, Corresp. gén., vol. 53, c. 11, fol. 174."]

MONSEIGNEUR—I have received the Letter that you did me the honor of Writing to me on the 25th of April last. We have had the honor of rendering you an account jointly, Monsieur the Marquis de Beauharnois and myself, of what occurred respecting Monsieur de Lignery's affair, and we Sent you the proceedings and the judgment rendered by the Court Martial assembled for that Object. It did not appear to the officers composing the Court that there was any proof that the Sieur de Lignery had misbehaved either as regards the expedition under his charge and the purchases of Provisions that he caused to be effected at Michilimakinac, or the munitions that he left at that post. He was acquitted and relieved of every charge. For my part, I did everything in my power to throw Light upon the Sieur de Lignery's conduct. I caused the Sieur Dulaurent and Martel, the Storekeeper or Commissary of Supplies who Followed the detachment, to be heard. I Wrote early in the spring to the Sieur Dubuisson to sell the remainder of the munitions left at Michilimakinac. That officer answered me on the 10th of July that he had offered them for sale, but that there were so few articles and these were in so wretched a Condition that the voyageurs would barely condescend to look at them; that the articles will always remain in the Condition