

time to obtain from Him all the information which he will communicate to You, Monseigneur, in detail.

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I remain with very profound respect, Monseigneur, Your very humble and very obedient servant

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QUEBEC, October 23rd, 1730.

1730: DUBUISSON REPORTS CONDITION OF THE FOXES

[Letter from Beauharnois to the French Minister, dated Oct. 28, 1730. Source, same as preceding document, but vol. 52, c. 11, fol. 222.]

MONSEIGNEUR—Monsieur Dubuisson, who has returned from Michilimakinac, has given me no other news than that which I had the honor of writing to you by the King's ship with this difference, Monseigneur, that the opinion of all the nations is that it is impossible for the Renards not to die of hunger for they have Been harassed on all sides, they are burdened with a very large number of women and Children, and have not had time to Sow anything.

That officer, Monseigneur, has been deeply affected at not finding Himself among the number of those who have been fortunate enough to obtain The Cross of St Louis. He has received three wounds on his Body: two from gun-shots, and the third from an arrow. He is one of the greatest Warriors here. He left the Post of Michilimakinac solely because there is no other food there but Fish which entirely disagrees with persons who are Subject to nephritis. He has had a very severe attack of it. He has a son who is tall and well formed and very well suited for War.

The movement, Monseigneur, that has taken place at all the Posts against the Renards has had an excellent effect by putting a stop to the too bold Discourses of the savages against the French.