

1731: TREATY OF THE NEW SIOUX COMPANY

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QUEBEC, June 6th, 1731.

Charles, Marquis de Beauharnois, Knight of the military order of Saint Louis, governor and lieutenant general of the King in the whole of New France.

In virtue of the orders addressed to us by the King's Memorial of May 14th, 1726, respecting the establishment of a commandant and of two missionaries in the Sioux country, to comply with His Majesty's intentions, We, in the presence of Monsieur La Chassaigne,¹ governor of this town of Montreal, of Monsieur Michel de La Rouvillière, commissary general of the Marine in the said town, and of Monsieur de La Corne, King's lieutenant in the said government, have settled and determined the articles of engagement, and the demands of the undersigned interested in the Sioux company as follows:

First Article.—That the entire trade of the Sioux country shall be granted and permitted to the persons hereinafter named towit: one canoe to the sieur de Portneuf,² the officer second in command at the said post; another to one Campeau, working for the Reverend Jesuit Father, the missionary at the said post; another to the sieurs Mouet,³ Linctot the younger, and Coulonge; another to Giguières and Toussaint; another to Richard

¹ Jean Bouillet, Sieur de la Chassaigne, was born in 1659, and entered the service in Canada. In 1690, he was in command at Lachine; in 1698, was the governor of Montreal. He married a sister of Longueuil, Iberville, and Bienville, and died at Montreal in January, 1733.—Ed.

²This was probably Pierre, son of René Robineau, Sieur de Portneuf. The latter was a French officer of distinction in King William's War (1689-97), being second in command in the attack on Salmon Falls, N. H. (1690). Since he died in 1726, this must be his son, Pierre, born in 1708. In 1740, Pierre was engaged in the Chicasaw expedition, and in 1760, was sent on a mission to the Shawnee.—Ed.

³The Sieurs Mouet were Didace Mouet, Sieur de Moras, born in 1701, died in 1763; and Augustin, Sieur de Langlade, famous as the first settler of Wisconsin. For biographical notice of the latter, see *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, viii, p. 124.—Ed.