

Colony increases, it will be necessary for the settlers to divide up in various places.

As soon as the Savages have gone to the Woods for their winter hunting he will Make a voyage in Lake Sainte Clair and in Lake Huron and will draw up a Map of the same which he will send next year.<sup>1</sup>

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1731: CONDITIONS IN THE UPPER COUNTRY

[The following extracts from the yearly official report of Beauharnois and Hocquart to the French Minister, dated, Oct. 12, 1731, are those portions that relate to the upper country. Source, same as preceding document, but fol. 136-176.]

MONSEIGNEUR—

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The Sieur de Beauharnois has observed with pleasure the satisfaction that his Majesty has had at the defeat of the Renards. He has had the honor of sending him the particulars of this affair<sup>2</sup> via isle Royale and new england. As the Sieur Lefevre's ship by which he had at first sent them, was compelled to put back, although he is convinced that his Majesty is at present informed of the matter, he appends a Copy<sup>3</sup> to which I take the Liberty of adding the news written to Him by The Sieur De Boishébert,<sup>4</sup> the Commandant at Detroit respecting the blow inflicted by the Illinois on the remainder of the Renard nation, since the attack, made by the Sieur Devilliers.

The Sieur De Beauharnois has the honor to write you in a private letter what has occurred since that affair, and the steps that he has taken to restore tranquillity in the Upper Country. He has seen what is written to Him with respect to the action

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<sup>1</sup> Marginal note on MS.: "Approved."

<sup>2</sup> Marginal note on MS.: "Extract with the memorial annexed to the private letter."

<sup>3</sup> Marginal note on MS.: "Annexed to a private letter."

<sup>4</sup> See preceding document.—Ed.