

by the Company of the Indies of the Province of Louisiana and of the Illinois Country.<sup>1</sup> We consider, Monseigneur, that it is right that the Illinois savages should be subject to this Government, because the Governor-general is in a better position than the Governor of Louisiana to give his orders there, and to be informed of what is going on in connection with the nations. Moreover those savages who came down to Montreal this Summer have asked it of the Sieur De Beauharnois as you will be pleased to see by the copy of the words<sup>2</sup> that we have the honor to append hereto and to which we take the liberty of adding that, by means of our establishments among the Miamis and Wiatanons, it is easier for The Illinois to procure what they need from those Posts than from Mississippi owing to the difficulty that the voyageurs' of that place encounter and The time that they take in going five or six hundred Leagues up a rapid River to reach those savages, who ask The Governor-general to be Their father as he is to the other nations, because they hope in future to obtain from this quarter the aid that they cannot easily receive from the Mississippi. The Pianguichias have brought words to detroit to be sent to the Sieur De Beauharnois which you will receive by a private despatch.

The Illinois went back very well satisfied with the promise given them by the Sieur De Beauharnois to look upon them as upon his other children; and we hope that his Majesty will change nothing in this respect. The Sieurs de Beauharnois and Hocquart will, moreover, act in concert, as much as the dis-

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<sup>1</sup>Marginal note on MS.: "Extract with private letter of Monsieur de Beauharnois." For the memoir of the king announcing this transfer, requesting information about the location of the Illinois country, whether it should be annexed to Canada or Louisiana; and requesting co-operation with the governor and intendant of the latter colony, see *N. Y. Colon. Docs.*, ix, p. 1025.—Ed.

<sup>2</sup>Marginal note on MS.: "Monsieur de Beauharnois appends it to one of his despatches." On the copy of this document, prepared for the use of the government (*Canada, Corresp. gén.*, vol. 58, c. 11, fol. 229), is written: "There is reason to believe that when the Savages took this step they were not aware that the King had taken back Louisiana."—Ed.