

lowed those Voyageurs by the Contract, they Be allowed a fourth year to compensate them for the loss they suffered by being compelled to Evacuate the post when first Established.

Reasons for maintaining the said post. Moreover, the Sieur de Beauharnois is aware of the importance of that post, Both with the view of fostering the friendly feeling so often manifested by the Scioux, And of establishing trade with the assiniboëls and the Christinaux.¹ His Majesty is therefore convinced that he will devote all the Attention in his power to the furtherance of that Establishment. His Majesty also approves of his having Sent the Sieur La Baye de Villiers to re-establish the post of la Baye which had to be abandoned owing to the proximity of the Renards; He is convinced that that officer will have found the Sakis disposed to rebuild their former village there also. The Sieur de Beauharnois will report Later.

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Chaouanons. His Majesty has learned with pleasure that the Chaoüanons came down to Montreal last Summer to ask the Sieur Marquis de Beauharnois to indicate the place where he wished to place them. He also approves of his having, with the view of bringing them nearer to the Colony and of detaching them from the English, Sent the Sieur Joncaire with them to place them on the North bank of the River Oyo. He recommends him to foster carefully the favorable disposition of that nation so as to derive all the advantages that were expected in the event of a rupture with the iroquois. It is to be hoped that they will persist in the resolution, to which they appeared to have come, not to Endure the English; the Sieur de Beauharnois must be Careful to see to this.

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¹The solicitude for the trade of these two tribes was due to the pressure of the Hudson's Bay Company. For their location and affinities, see *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, xvi, pp. 189, 190, 408.—Ed.