

Illinois, Natchez, Choctas, Chicachas. His Majesty has taken cognizance of the reasons for which the Sieurs de Beauharnois and Hocquart consider it advisable that the country of the illinois Should Be a dependency of the general Government of new France. When he shall have considered those expressed on the Subject by the Sieurs Perrier and Salmon, Governor and commissary-general of Louÿsiana, He will decide what is most expedient, and Signify His intentions. But, in any case, whether that post be retained or detached from the Government of Louÿsiana, it Will be Equally a dependency of the general Government, and the Sieur Marquis de Beauharnois must devote the same attention to it. The Sieur Perrier, Governor, must have informed him that the Natchez Nation has not been so thoroughly destroyed as was believed, and that there still remained two or three hundred warriors who, Supported by the Chicachas, Endeavored to induce the illinois to rise; that the latter sent their three ambassadors to the Sieur Perrier at new Orleans where the Choctas, whom he induced to declare against the Chicachas went and Burned them; that the English are making every effort to conciliate those two Nations and that it is most important to prevent this for the peace and preservation of that Colony. His Majesty recommends the Sieur Marquis de Beauharnois to Consider what measures he may adopt to further this. If he could succeed in getting some Nations to join the illinois and the French in that quarter and induce them to strike the Chicachas, the latter would be destroyed or at least compelled to keep quiet and Remove to a distance from the Colony. But, in order that this may be more Surely effected, it Should be done in concert with the Governor of Louisiana who might cause them to be attacked at the same Time. His Majesty leaves everything to the discretion of the Sieur Marquis de Beauharnois, convinced as He is that he will devote the same attention to Louisiana as to Canada. He recommends him not to lose sight of this object, being careful nevertheless to see that it does not entail too great an expense.

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