

the King nothing. But in The matter of The Renards, they were urged and solicited by us, and at Last when Monsieur The Marquis De Beauharnois gave orders to the Commandants of the various posts to execute his Majesty's commands; to urge The savages to march and to raise bands against the Chicachas, they could not be induced to do so without giving Them on the spot some munitions and provisions to enable them to take the field. This is the sole expense that these wars Entail.

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We remain with very profound respect, Monseigneur Your very humble and very obedient servants,

BEAUHARNOIS
HOCQUART

QUEBEC, October 9th, 1732.

P. S. The statement of the expenditure in connection with the last expeditions against the Renards which we had The honor to send you last year, amounted to 21,749 livres, 12 sols. Those we send you this year, to the number of three, hereunto annexed, exceed that sum by 234 livres, 8 sols owing to the omission therein of a receipt for an expenditure of like amount.

The first and second of these Statements form part of the expenditure set forth in the account of 1730, to which The vouchers are annexed; and As there is a surplus for the said year, we do not ask you for the money for the same which would amount to 7,391 livres 5 sols. You will Observe, Monseigneur, in The third statement how the various items of expenditure composing it are vouched for. This cannot be done any better in connection with expenses of that nature. We could not at The time avoid paying The voyageurs and others who are mentioned therein, after, however, examining and even reducing Their bills according to the value of the goods at the posts where they were supplied.

You are moreover aware, Monseigneur, that The only way to get The savages to act is to give them food and to equip them.