

He intends to send the Sieur de Noyan this year to command at Missilimakinac.¹

For the past two years he has been recommended to Avail himself of that officer's services.

1733: FOXES ATTACKED IN THEIR FORT AT MARAMEG;
SMALLPOX SPREADS

[Extract of a letter from Beauharnois to the French Minister, dated May 1, 1733, enclosing letters from commandants in the Upper Country. MS. in archives of Ministère des Colonies, Paris; press-mark, "Canada, corresp. gén., vol. 59, c. 11, fol. 4."]

MONSEIGNEUR—I had the honor to write to you last autumn that, owing to the Renards having found Means to withdraw some Slaves from the Nations, they were able to make up the Village which was Attacked by our Iroquois of the Lake of two Mountains and the Hurons of Detroit, as You may have seen, Monseigneur, by the relation that I had the honor of Sending You, which was annexed to my Letter, and in Which I added that Notwithstanding the Blow that our Warriors had struck At Them, it was asserted that there still remained fifty or sixty Men of that tribe who were Wandering about and whom the Nations wished to destroy utterly; And that Among others the tribes at Detroit had raised a band to kill them wherever they might find them assembled.

I received Letters last Winter from the Commandants in the upper Country and from the Sieur de Boishebert who wrote to me that the Hurons, Outaouacs and Poutouatamis of Detroit started at the end of last autumn to carry out their design. I append hereto, Monseigneur, the relation of what happened on that Occasion, which has been sent me by the Sieur de Boishébert and by the Commandants of the River St Joseph and of the Miamis.

I had the honor of informing you, Monsieur, of the ravages caused by small pox among the Villages of the Five iroquois

¹Endorsement of Minister: "Good. He is a person to be employed."