

1733: MEMOIR OF THE KING

[Extracts from the instructions of the King and Minister to the Governor and Intendent of New France. MS. in archives of Ministère des Colonies, Paris; press-mark, "Collection Moreau-St. Méry, vol. 10, f. 12, fol. 131."]

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Acknowledges His Majesty has had an account rendered to receipt of our him of what the Sieurs de Beauharnois and letters. Hocquart Wrote last year respecting the affairs

of the Colony; And in order to enable them to Continue the administration thereof with the same Zeal and Attention they have Hitherto displayed, He has decided to explain to them His Intentions Regarding the various matters within their jurisdiction.

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Copper Mines. He has Noticed all that they have written with Reference to the Copper Mines near Chagoüamigon. And, After Examining the Memorial of the Sieur de la Ronde denis, the Captain whom they Sent, He has approved the proposition made by that officer to Undertake the discovery and Working of those Mines, And, to that end, will approve of the Sieur Marquis de Beauharnois' granting him the Post of Chagoüamigon for nine years, as he requests, on the conditions proposed by him, Namely: that he Shall be bound to build two Vessels at His own expense, one of Twenty-five Tons on Lake Superior and another of fifty Tons on the Lake of Sault Ste Marie, in order to transport the Ore taken from the Mines to Niagara, whence he shall send it down every year to Quebec in large flat Boats, And that, in the spring of the following year, he shall send up Canoes for the conveyance of the rigging and other things required for the two Vessels, together with the carpenters and Sailors he may need.

Copper. It is upon such conditions that His Majesty Expects the Sieur de la Ronde to undertake the discovery and working of the Mines in question; And Should he not fulfil them the very first year, it is His Majesty's wish that