

ate them. His Majesty is convinced that he will give His entire attention to this.

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Country of the Illinois united to the Government of Louisiana. With regard to the Report His Majesty has had made to Him concerning what the Sieurs de Beauharnois and Hocquart wrote last year, and what was also written him by the Sieurs Perrier, the late Governor, and Salmon, the Commissary general of Louisiana, respecting the country of the Illinois Savages, He has decided to leave that country a dependency of the Government of Louisiana, and has ordered the Sieur de Bienville, whom he has appointed to that Government, to make suitable provision for the Command of that important post, and the Sieur Salmon to send the necessary Munitions there. He, nevertheless, recommends the Sieur Marquis de Beauharnois to give that post all the attention in his power.

Measures of Monsieur the General against the Chicachas approved. His Majesty has approved of his having caused the Nations which are in a position to harass them, to declare against the Chicachas; of his having again written to the Commandants of the posts of the Miamis, the Ouitanons, and the Illinois to induce their Savages to strike a blow At that nation, and of his having also sounded the Hurons with the same object. There is no better way of subjugating them than to make a diversion from Canada, while the Sieur de Bienville will take measures to harass them from Louisiana.

The Natchez and Chicachas near their destruction. The Sieurs de Beauharnois and Hocquart have had reason to believe that the defeat of the Natche's has not been so complete as had been proclaimed. Their movements since then have only too clearly proved the contrary, but, inasmuch as that nation has since experienced various defeats in which it has lost many of Its warriors, there is reason to believe that it Would not be in a Condition to give any trouble, were it not supported by the