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### 1727: AMARITON RESCUES AN ILLINOIS WOMAN

[Letter of Beauharnois to the French Minister, dated, Oct. 24, 1727, with an enclosure dated Oct. 15, 1726. MS. in archives of Ministère des Colonies, Paris; press-mark, "Canada, Corresp. gén., vol. 49, c. 11, fol. 164 ff."]

MONSEIGNEUR—The Sieur Amariton<sup>1</sup> has brought me an Extract from a letter of Monsieur de Liette, which will be added to my packet, whereby you will see, Monseigneur, that that officer incurred considerable expense in ransoming an Illinois woman who was tied to the stake to be burned. I had given Monsieur the Intendant a Statement of the expense and the certificates of the Missionary fathers to be annexed to the Joint letter. I told the Sieur Amariton to see Monsieur Dupuy to have the joint letter made out thereon. He came to tell me that Monsieur the Intendant would write privately and that I should do the same on my part. I have read, Monseigneur, the original of Monsieur de Liette's letter.

I have the honor to be with very profound respect, Monseigneur, Your very humble and very obedient servant.

BEAUHARNOIS.

QUEBEC, October 24th, 1727.

As we have no news of the Sioux detachment, everybody believes that it has passed.

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*Extract from a Letter written by Monsieur de Liette, captain and commandant at fort de chastre<sup>2</sup> in the Illinois country, to Monsieur de Lignery, captain in Canada and commandant general of the savage countries, dated October 15, 1726.*

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<sup>1</sup>François Amariton, captain in the colonial troops, had been commandant at Green Bay, 1723-26. See *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, xvi, for his career at this place.—ED.

<sup>2</sup>Fort Chartres was originally built in 1720 by Boisbriant as a centre for defense in the Illinois country, on a site a mile east of the Mississippi, and about sixteen miles northwest of Kaskaskia. This first fort was of the ordinary stockade kind, replaced (1753-56) by