

request made by the Miamis to the Sieur de Beauharnois. There is Reason to believe that the union of these two Nations will Thwart the intentions that the English might have of Establishing posts for the purpose of attracting them; and there is every reason to believe also that the Chawanons will accept the Miamis' proposal, for they informed the Sieur de Beauharnois of their desire to form but one Village with their brothers. The Sieur Desnoyelles has orders to get the Wiantanons to join him in inducing the Miamis to return to their Village which they have abandoned solely in consequence of the ravages of small-pox; at least that is the pretext they have alleged.

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The Sieurs de Beauharnois and Hocquart have observed, Monseigneur, what is written to them regarding the dependence of the Illinois country which his Majesty has been pleased to include in the Government of Louisiana. They are not aware of the reasons that have induced His Majesty to do this. The request made by these savages to the Sieur de Beauharnois to be dependents of this Government, owing to the difficulty they would have in supplying their needs from the Mississippi, seemed to be worthy of some consideration with regard to Them. In any case, the Sieur de Beauharnois will continue to devote all the attention in his power to that post and to send the necessary orders to it.

The Sieur de Beauharnois has the honor of communicating to you, Monseigneur, those notices that he has given to all the posts to induce the Nations to attack the Chicachas, and to the Governor of Louisiana to have them harassed on his side. The means that he has taken to create a diversion among all the Nations which are in a position to molest them seem the surest and the most suitable for their subjugation; all the more so that the War with the Renards in which the savages were engaged is ended, and larger bands will be available for attacking the Chicachas; and there is reason to believe that we shall be able to destroy them in a short time.

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