

1727: OFFICERS FOR THE POSTS

[Extract from a letter from the French minister to the Intendant Dupuy, dated May 14, 1728. MS. in archives of Ministère des Colonies, Paris; press-mark, "Canada, Corresp. gén., vol. 50, c. 11, fol. 464.]

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If he [Beauharnois] has not consulted you in regard to the recall of some Officers from the posts and to the choice of those who were to replace them, it is because he alone has the power to order such changes and destinations. I am nevertheless convinced that had the accord between you been such as his Majesty had ordered, He would not have failed to communicate such Views to you, not only as regards the trade at those posts but also in order to have your advice.¹ You would have acted as he has done in similar circumstances, and it is not without reason that His Majesty had recommended you to live on good Terms, inasmuch as discordant conduct is always opposed to the good of his Service and the welfare of the Colony.

With Regard to the Sieur de la Ronde, I am writing to Monsieur de Beauharnois to recall him from the post where he is and not to give him any other under any pretext whatsoever. I am also sending him a Copy of the two documents which you have discovered in connection with his conduct during his journey to Boston in 1723, without informing him by whom that discovery was made.² You will be pleased to send me the two Originals on the return of Monsieur the Comte Des Gouttes who commands the store-ship l'Eléphant. Should you, in the future, make any similar discoveries respecting other Officers, you will be careful to inform me of the same.

You will see, by what his Majesty writes to Monsieur de

¹ Beauharnois and Dupuy were not in accord, and the latter was recalled in September of this same year.—ED.

²For this expedition of La Ronde, see his memoir, *post*. He succeeded in clearing himself of the charges, since Beauharnois appointed him to La Pointe de Chequamegon, a post which he held for many years.—ED.