

have occasioned as little expense as possible to His Majesty, and he will not be able to hear of the Success of our efforts before next year.

I remain with very profound respect, Monseigneur, Your very humble and very obedient servant

QUEBEC, October 5th, 1734.

BEAUHARNOIS

---

1734: DETROIT; NEED OF SOLDIERS TO GARRISON UPPER POSTS

[Letter of Beauharnois to the French Minister, dated Oct. 6, 1734. Source, same as preceding document, but vol. 61, c. 11, fol. 292.]

MONSEIGNEUR—I have received the letter you did me the honor of writing to me on the 20th of April last. I noticed what you were pleased to tell me respecting the establishment of Detroit and the garrison whose increase I had the honor to ask of you, which you were pleased to report to His Majesty. You will Observe, Monseigneur, by a joint despatch from Monsieur hocquart and Myself, the means we are taking to contribute to the establishment of that post by the grant of the concessions requested by the habitants; and by the care I have taken in the selection of the Commandant whom I sent thither. I acknowledge, Monseigneur, that such precautions may be useful for the progress of that settlement, His Majesty's Intention being that we should confine ourselves to it for the present. I should have nothing to add did not the affair of the Ouyatanons, whereon we have the honor to report to you in the memorial to the King, show the necessity of having strong garrisons in the posts to protect them against the attacks of the savages to which they are exposed, and against which it is always good to be on one's guard. This is still more necessary in the case of the post of Detroit as it is the entrepot for and the connecting link with Louisiana and the other neighboring posts. The return of the Ouyatanons and the repentance they have manifested, can be attributed solely to their fear of the force sent against Them by the Commandant of Detroit. These considerations, Monseigneur, and the necessity of having garrisons of sufficient