

Possibly, even the other Nations, who have been apparently animated against the Foxes, will be touched at their destruction, and become more insolent should we not succeed. As the expedition is apparently organized at present, his Majesty has been graciously pleased to allow the 60 m.^{li} demanded by Sieurs de Beauharnois and Dupuy,¹ for the expenses of that war, news of the success of which will be expecting [expected] with impatience.

1728: THE EXPEDITION ARRIVES AMONG THE SIOUX; FORT
BEAUHARNOIS BUILT

[Relation of the voyage by Father Guignas, in a letter to Beauharnois, dated at the mission of the Archangel St. Michael, Fort Beauharnois, in the Sioux Country, May 29, 1728. Translated from a transcript made in Paris for St. Mary's College, Montreal. Also given in Margry, *Découv. et étab.*, vi, pp. 552-558.]

The convoy for the Sioux departed from the end of Montreal Island, last year, on the 16th of the month of June, toward eleven o'clock in the morning, and reached Michilimakinac on the 22nd of the month of July. This post is 251 leagues from Montreal, almost directly west, in 45° 46' North latitude. We spent the rest of the month at this post, hoping from day to day to receive some news from Montreal, and for the purpose of strengthening ourselves against the pretended extreme difficulties of securing free passage through the country of the Renards. Finally, as nothing was seen, our journey was resumed on the first of the month of August; and, after 73 leagues of prosperous navigation along the Northern shore of lake Michigan, running towards the Southwest, we reached la Baye on the 8th of the same month, at half past 5 o'clock in the evening.

That post is in 44° 41' north latitude; a halt of two days was made there, and on the morning of the 11th we embarked, as we were very impatient to arrive among the Renards.

¹ See *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, xvi, pp. 476, 477.—ED.