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[Letter of Hocquart to the French Minister, dated October 26, 1735, enclosing a letter to the comptroller-general of finance. Source, same as preceding document, but vol. 64, c. 11, fol. 159.]

MONSEIGNEUR—I take the liberty of placing under Your [eyes] The letter that I write to Monsieur the Comptroller general of finance. In answer to That which he did me the honor of writing to me respecting the Trade of the Company of the Indies.¹ As he asks me for Information respecting the Sieur Desnoyelles's Campaign because it affects the hunting of Beaver, I have thought, subject to your good pleasure, that I could not avoid entering into some details with him. My Letter to Monsieur the Comptroller-general is not sealed.

I remain etc.

HOCQUART

[Enclosure in the above.]

At QUEBEC the 26th of October, 1735.²

MONSEIGNEUR—I have received the letter that You did me The honor of writing to me on the 10th of March last.

The receipts from Beaver skins have been considerable this year, notwithstanding the Troubles And the war expeditions in the upper Country, because The Post among the scioux and the new posts Established for the discovery of the Sea of The west have secured nearly 100 thousand very good skins. The total receipts amounted to 178 thousand livres

¹This was the famous speculative concern known first as the Mississippi Company, formed by Law in 1717. In 1719 it was reorganized under this title. The company retroceded Louisiana to the King in 1731, but retained commercial rights in the colonies. About this time the company began its famous career in India. It went into liquidation in 1770.—ED.

²Note on the original MS.: "L. P. 'Le President' of the Council of the Marine to Monsieur The Comptroller general. Accounts for the number of Beaver skins received. Of the Campaign of Monsieur des Noyelles, relative to the interests of the Company of the Indies. Beaver to Be replaced on the same footing as before the ordinance of the 4th of January, 1733. Note: After the present letter is That forwarding the same to the minister."