

excessive severity of the ordinance that I promulgated on the 4th of January 1733 for the reduction of the price of Summer Beaver which was 10 sols The livre, both green and dry, on condition that it be burned, because the Hatters of the Kingdom could not make use of it as the company wrote to me. But since it has heeded the representations made to It that such reduction might injure its Trade by inducing the savages and even the French to take to the English not only this kind of Beaver, which they accept, but also That of good quality, It has therefore sent orders to its agent to forward to France the Beaver taken in summer, as was practised previous to my ordinance. It has also begged me to raise the price of the same. I considered that it was in its interest to restore matters to their old footing. The Company of the Indies carries on its Trade in good faith, and it would not be proper to suspect it of having asked for The reduction of the price of the Summer Beaver on condition that it be burned, solely in order to obtain it in the future at about the same price as the reduced rate without being obliged to burn it, Moreover, This is a matter of so little consequence that it otherwise deserves no Consideration.

I remain etc.

HOCQUART

Indorsed: "Given an answer the 8th of May, 1736."

1735: COPPER MINES ON LAKE SUPERIOR

[Letter of Beauharnois and Hocquart to the French Minister, dated Oct. 11, 1735. MS. in archives of Ministère des Colonies, Paris; press-mark, "Canada, Corresp. gén., vol. 63, c. 11, fol. 58.]

MONSEIGNEUR—We have received the letter that you did us the honor of Writing to us on the 15th of May last, to which was appended the report handed you by the Director-General of the mint in France on the assay that you caused to be made in Paris of the copper of Lake superior, a piece of which we sent you last year.

In the King's memorial we Informed you of the subsequent