

When Monsieur De Beauharnois appointed the Sieur Desnoyelles Commandant of that Post, he notified that Officer that The pay And The clothing of the soldiers of the Garrison to be stationed there would be at his charge. But if such Garrison exceed 30 men, as it is necessary that It should, We doubt whether any officer wishing to do his duty can undertake it. We will await The orders you may give us on the subject.

If The affair of the copper mines should have as advantageous results as We have Reason to Hope, this Country will become more and more worthy of his Majesty's attention and of the jealousy of our neighbors. The Post of Missilimakinac And That of Rivière St Joseph, will require the same precautionary measures as that of Detroit. This will at first entail considerable expense upon his Majesty, But there is every Reason to believe that he will be amply compensated in The future.

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We remain with very profound respect, Monseigneur, Your very humble and very obedient servants

BEAUHARNOIS
HOCQUART

QUEBEC, October 5th, 1736.

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Sieur de Beauharnois reported last year the cause of the ill success attending Sieur de Noyelles' campaign against the Foxes and the Sakis. He has the honor to inform you, My Lord, by a private letter, of resolution adopted by these Indians, and of the dispositions of the Sakis, according to the news he has received from the commandant at the River St. Joseph.

Sieur de Joncaire, commandant among the Chaouanons, has written Sieur de Beauharnois that his Indians continued to