

reject the evil advice of the Iroquois, and were disposed to follow their Father's pleasure; that they were about sending Deputies to Detroit to visit their Brothers the Hurons, and that they would come down to Montreal next Spring, to hear *Sieur de Beauharnois*' word and obey it. They have added that as he had located them on the Beautiful [Ohio] river, they would not, without his orders, abandon the fire he had lighted for them at that place. Therefore, although the transmigration of these Indians to Detroit has not yet taken place, it is to be presumed from the dispositions they continue to entertain, that *Sieur de Beauharnois* will succeed in engaging them to do so. The maxim of the Indians in negotiations of this nature, is to have frequent talks together, and nothing is terminated among them until after divers interviews. This has been the cause of the delay manifested by the *Chaouanons*. As for the rest, *M. de Beauharnois* flatters himself that the business will be terminated next year; he will not lose sight of it.

As regards the *Miamis*, they appear very quiet in their village, and *M. de Beauharnois* has not heard that any of them have dispersed.

In the answer to the King's Memoir of 1734, *Mess^{rs} de Beauharnois* and *Hocquart* have explained the reasons which had prevented *M. d'Arnaud*, who commanded the party sent against the *Ouiatonons* proceeding beyond the *Miamis*, and the motives which induced *M. de Beauharnois* not to push that affair any further.

He will add, in regard to its probable consequences, that he agreed the more readily to be content with the pardon the *Ouiatanons* have solicited of him, inasmuch as there is no doubt, had *Sieur d'Arnaud* continued his march, but these Indians would have been advised thereof by the *Miamis*, their allies, and have retired to the *Peanguichias* or *Islinois*, who are equally their allies, so that, besides being unable to wreak vengeance on the *Ouitanons*, it would be declaring war against the other nations, among whom they would certainly have found an asylum, and stopping the path to the *Mississippi* on ourselves. The peace we have for some time been endeavoring to es-