

fort, quite naked and in tears, to offer him a Calumet and to beg for their Lives; that they Were Followed by the Chiefs and elders of the Poutouatamis, Jlinois, Miamis, And Outawois who had Gone to meet Them and take them Food, because one of their People had come to tell them that they had none. He adds that they have Established themselves at The Place that he pointed out to them, Between the Poutouatamis, Miamis and Jlinois Villages, and that they asked him leave to go down to Montreal next spring to beg for mercy. He has Sent me their Words and His Answers.

The Nations Established On the bank of the Missouris who last year Joined five or Six hundred Savages And French Voyageurs, have all Gone home Without having done anything.

I Remain with very profound Respect, Monseigneur, Your very humble and very obedient Servant,

BEAUHARNOIS

QUEBEC, October 17th, 1736.

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1737: THE KING'S ORDERS FOR THE UPPER COUNTRY

[Extracts from the yearly memorial of the king in reply to the report of the governor and intendant. Transcript from *N. Y. Colon. Docs.*, ix, pp. 1059, 1060.]

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His Majesty has learned with pleasure that Captain Desnoyelles' expedition against the Foxes and Sacs in 1735 has not been attended by any bad consequences. As he causes his intentions regarding those Indians to be fully explained to the Marquis de Beauharnois, he will content himself here to recommend him to conform thereto.

He hopes to learn that the Chaouanons will have kept the promise they gave. Sieur Joncaire, the commandant in their country, to come down this spring to Montreal, to hear the Marquis de Beauharnois discourse on their migration. It is probable that, should they determine on that course, they will easily be persuaded to settle at Detroit; and that it is very