

the course he had informed the Marquis de Beauharnois he should take, to have revenge therefor. His Majesty will wait impatiently Sieur de Beauharnois' report of what shall have been done on that subject, and is, meanwhile, persuaded that he will have adopted such measures as will have appeared to him the most suitable for the public service.

VERSAILLES, May 10th, 1737.

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[Extracts from the yearly report of Beauharnois. MS. in archives of Ministère des Colonies, Paris; press-mark, "Canada, Corresp. gén., vol. 67, c. 11, fol. 139."]

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**Copper Mines.** This year we have no Interesting Report to make to His Majesty with reference to the copper mines. The son of the Sieur de la Ronde merely wrote to the Sieur de Beauharnois that he had endeavored to approach the alleged Island of copper in his batteau, But that stress of Weather had compelled him to put into port, his Sail having been Torn by a Squall.

The Sieur La Ronde, the Elder, who left for his Post in the month of may, wrote us from sault Ste Marie at the Entrance of Lake superior that he was waiting for the miners that are to be sent him and he promises that if they arrive we shall receive Information next year of everything connected with the Mines. A few Days after the arrival of the King's Ship we sent the Forsters, father and son, to Missilimakinac. They will pass the winter at that Post and next Spring They will be in a Position to proceed to the point of Chagoïamigon under the orders of the Sieur La Ronde. We have written that officer to make a profitable Use of them, to make them inspect the various Places where he has discovered copper mines and to

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party. This took place on an island in the Lake of the Woods, seven leagues from Fort St. Charles. For the life and letters of Father Aulneau, see *Jes. Rel.*, lxviii.—ED.