

Confer with them in regard to what is proper to do for the success of His Undertaking. At the same time we Explained to him how greatly It was to his Interest to act promptly. If the Tonnagane mine can be Worked, the peace just concluded between the Cristinaux and the Sauteux of la pointe is of the greatest advantage as regards the peaceful exploitation of the mines. But with respect to this circumstance as well as to all others connected with those Mines, We hope that the Sieur de la Ronde will, next year, place us in a Position to send An accurate Report thereof to his Majesty. We cannot at present compel him to build a second Bark at Detroit, as he bound himself to do, Until he is more certain of the success of his **Enterprise**. He would thereby be forced to incur Expense which he would be unable to meet and which, moreover, would be absolutely Useless should his success not equal his Hopes.

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The Sieurs de Beauharnois and Hocquart have received the Edict his Majesty has been pleased to issue in favor of the Coureurs de bois. This Edict has been Registered in the records of the Council and published in the usual manner. They have sent Copies thereof to all the Posts of the upper country so that all who are interested may be informed of the same. They will be careful to see that the new prohibitions against the coureurs de bois Are Enforced.

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The Renards and Sakis have not struck a blow since the affair of the Sieur Des Noyelles. On the contrary they have always begged for their lives since Then and Renards and Sakis have again asked the same this year through the Outaouacs, sinayos, Kiskacons,¹ the Poutoüatamis of the river St Joseph, the folles avoines, and the Puants who came down to Montreal.

¹ These belonged to Ottawa clans; see *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, xvi, pp. 30, 120.—Ed.