

forms and is bound to defray the ordinary Expenses of the Post.

It devolves upon Monsieur de Beauharnois to submit to you the name of the officer whom he deems most suitable for the appointment as well as the rank that should be given him. I had spoken to him of Monsieur Peau who commanded at Detroit for three years to the satisfaction of the savages and of the French, and to whom His Majesty should give the rank of King's Lieutenant.

You will see, Monseigneur, by this plan that it would cost the King 6250 livres per annum for the proposed establishment, while the Commandant and officers would be forbidden to carry on any Trade.

There is one consideration that may become of Importance as regards the savages if the plan be carried out. It would be advisable to send a reinforcement of ten soldiers only to Detroit the first year; of ten more in the second, and so on in the following years until the number of 60 is reached so as not to cause Uneasiness amongst the savages established at the Post who are naturally suspicious. In that case there would be a reduction in the item of 3000 livres shown in the draft in connection with the Transport of the pay and uniforms of the Garrison.

I remain with the most profound respect, Monseigneur,
Your very humble and very obedient servant

QUEBEC, October 7th, 1737.

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[Extracts from a letter from Beauharnois to the French Minister, dated Oct. 14, 1737. Source, same as preceding document, but fol. 169.]

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On his arrival the Sieur De St Pierre handed me a Report on what has happened at the post in the scioux country.¹ I

¹ See next document.—Ed.