

and that they will soon be lost if he does not hold out his hand to them. He adds that that Nation is not one to be neglected.

The 22nd of the same Month, Father de la Richardie writes to Monsieur the General that there is no change as Regards the hurons, Except that their Desire to go and Settle at Montreal has diminished without having passed away, and that, to speak without equivocation, they are convinced they are not wanted there; that only an urgent word from their Father Onontio, with a similar one from their Praying brothers can draw them thither, and even then he would not guarantee that all would go, although he thinks that those who would remain at Detroit would gradually join the others.

The 12th of June 1741, Monsieur De Noyan Writes that some presents would be needed for the three Nations that have to Be reconciled, and that the chief item is a collar from Monsieur the general to grant the hurons a dwelling place near him; otherwise he foresees that that Nation will be completely lost to us owing to the jealousy the others have of it; that Detroit is alarmed because it is alleged that two large bands of Têtes-plates have set out on the war-path.

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1738: NEW COMMANDANT FOR DETROIT

[Letter from Noyan to the French Minister. Source, same as preceding document, but vol. 70, fol. 180.]

Montreal, October 5, 1738.

MONSEIGNEUR—I have received with all possible respect and gratitude the Fresh Marks of Kindness wherewith Your Grace is pleased to honor me by appointing me commandant at Detroit.

I am aware, Monseigneur, that the honor of Such Confidence should incite Me to seek the Means of justifying it with Your grace; And in Spite of My slight Capacity, I hope that my desire to be Deserving of so Marked a favor will enable me to do what you expect from Me.

I am unable, Monseigneur, to propose anything to Your grace in connection With the establishment of that post. I am still