

Leagues from there, they admitted that this might Be so, and that the masses might have been detached from some mountains. The Sieur de La Ronde Then proposed that they Embark with him in order that he might Take them to the Places where the Mines Were situated And Amongst others to those in the Tonnagane River. At first they raised some difficulties because their engagement Expires on the first of May 1739, And they would be unable to get Home by that date. But the Sieur de La Ronde having disposed of all objections by promising to pay them for the extra time they would be with him, they agreed to go whither he might wish to take them. The idea of the Sieur de La Ronde is to make them Inspect generally all the Places on the Lake where he knows of Copper Mines being situated and to take advantage of the stay of the miners at that Place to obtain all the Information he can from them so that when he communicates the same to me I may be in a Position to Report to you thereon. Monsieur hocquart And I have the honor to Send you the report made by one Guillory, the younger, who arrived from that Country on the 14th of the month of August last.

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I remain with very profound Respect, Monseigneur, Your very humble and very obedient servant

BEAUHARNOIS

QUEBEC, October 5th, 1738.

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1738: ARRANGEMENTS FOR DETROIT

[Letter of De Noyan to the French Minister. Source, same as preceding document, but vol. 70, fol. 190.]

MONTREAL, October 18, 1738.

MONSEIGNEUR—Hitherto I had flattered Myself that Monsieur The Marquis de Beauharnois and Monsieur hocquart would have added to the favor your grace has conferred on Me that of communicating to Me Your Lordship's Orders Respecting The Establishment of detroit.