

Beauharnois and hocquart would receive the proceeds of the licenses and other emoluments of the post, have the officer conveyed there and supply His Needs until Further orders from Your grace.

It has not depended on Me, Monseigneur, for I have had the honor of writing to them and of assuring them that I would be ready at any time to carry out Your grace's orders and theirs.

I have learned indirectly that Messieurs the Marquis de Beauharnois and hocquart found that the post of detroit would No longer Be of any advantage to the commandant. I do not think, Monseigneur, that they had such anxiety with regard to Me. I flatter Myself that My disinterestedness is Known to them; But how can a post where one Serves the King Well cease to be an advantageous one, when the King rewards Services and Your Lordship is the dispenser of favors.

All such posts will ever be advantageous ones to Me, And I venture to offer Your grace the Heart Least affected by interest and the most Sensitive to honor.

Nevertheless, convinced as I Am that it is Your Lordship's intention, while promoting the public Welfare, to Allow or to give the officer sufficient for an honorable livelihood, I crave Your grace's permission to enter into details regarding That post.

The sum of 500 livres is paid for each license, 10 or 12 of which are issued yearly besides those of the Missionaries and of The officer Second in command. This yields at least	5,000 livres
The King has always given to the commandant the powder Required for the whole post, and which he has always caused to be sold to the French and Savages. This favor is worth, per annum	1,500 livres
Hitherto, for the maintenance of Good order, it has been enacted that the Commandant should have a Bureau where he has caused all the wine and brandy Required by the French to be sold. This also brings him in, per annum	2,000 livres
	8,500 livres