

interestedness and My zeal Become known to you I shall Be more than amply rewarded. Whatever may Be Your views Respecting that post, I hope to carry them out on all points that may depend on Me. There remains but one thing more for Me to desire and that is that Your Lordship should believe Me incapable of doing anything contrary to Your orders, to My honor and to My duty, Even were the most Brilliant fortune to depend on it. And what fortune, Monseigneur, can compare in My eyes with The honor of Your confidence.

I remain with very profound respect, Monseigneur, Your grace's very humble and very obedient Servant

CHAUOY DE NOYAN

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[Letter of Beauharnois and Hocquart to the French Minister, dated Oct. 22 1738. Source, same as preceding document, but vol. 69, fol. 63.]

MONSEIGNEUR—We have received the letter you did us the honor of Writing to us on the 23rd of April last with reference to the Post of Detroit.

Of the plans that each of us individually submitted last year to you, Monseigneur, you approve only the Appointment of a Stationary Commandant; you reject all the rest and you are pleased to Explain to Us a third project that has been proposed to you which you Deem more Suitable and which you order us to discuss together and to Report thereon. This we do.

We both agree with regard to the Stationary Commandant who is to have no interest whatever in the Trade carried on at the Post, and to whom a suitable remuneration will be accorded out of the proceeds of the Licenses. There would be no objection to allow all indigent families to go and Settle at that Post if the free permits to be granted them for conveyance there with goods did not on the other hand diminish the number of Permits that are bought and the proceeds whereof barely suffice to meet the ordinary expenses of the Post. The same difficulty arises as regards taking from the proceeds of the Licenses the