

a supply Post where goods are stored, on the 15th of October at the latest.¹

Monsieur De Celoron writes me from the Kiakiqui² on the 12th of August that his party consisted of 143 picked men, 40 of whom were French, And that he expected to increase it by more than 30 men In passing through the Maskoutins.

The Sieur De Noyelle writes me on the 26th of August that all Is quiet at detroit; that he had reason to flatter himself that this would continue And, for his part, he would spare no effort.

The Sieur de Blainville Writes me from Missilimakinac³ on the 28th of September that everything was Equally quiet at that Post, And The Sieur de Tonty writes me that the Folles Avoines are to go down to Montreal next year.

This, Monseigneur, is a ship-wreck that causes great trouble to the Sieur de la Saussaye in his affairs. He says that the loss will amount to at least three thousand Livres. He is deserving of all your kindness on this occasion.

He has reported to me that the Sieur Douville, his brother,⁴ Had started from Niagara toward the end of September to take the presents for the Outaouais to Detroit

I remain etc.

QUEBEC, November 6th, 1739.

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¹The rendezvous here mentioned was for the army about to set forth on the second expedition against the Chickasaw. The temporary fort was at the mouth of St. Francis River (not Rivière des Français, as the Paris MS. has it), where that river flows from Arkansas into the Mississippi.—Ed.

²This was Pierre Joseph Céloron, commandant at Mackinac (1737-42), for whom see *ante*, p. 207. The Theakiki (Kiakiqui) River was the present Kankakee, south branch of the Illinois. There was an important portage to this river from Lake Michigan and St. Joseph River, near the present South Bend, Indiana. Céloron had probably started from Fort St. Joseph, near the site of Niles, Mich.—Ed.

³This was the younger Céloron, Jean Baptiste, Sieur de Blainville, for whom see *ante*, p. 207. He commanded at Mackinac in his brother's absence.—Ed.

⁴This was probably the Dagneau Douville, who commanded among the Miami in 1747-48, and was sent out from Fort Duquesne in 1756 on a foraging expedition. He attacked a blockhouse fort on the Cacapon, in Hampshire County, Va., but was slain in the assault.—Ed.