

pany him, and he shall do his best to Induce the Iroquois not to leave them.

We rely, moreover, on the prudence and wise conduct of the Sieurs De Noyan and Chevalier de Beauharnois with regard to any Events we cannot foresee, and even empower them to act according to Circumstances and to do everything that may be advisable and that they may deem necessary for the welfare of the service.

BEAUHARNOIS.

MONTREAL, June 14, 1741.

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1741: HURON OF DETROIT

[Source, same as preceding document, but fol. 154.]

*Copy of the Letter Written by Monsieur the marquis de Beauharnois, Governor general of New France, to Father de la Richardie, Missionary at Detroit, on June 14, 1741.*

REVEREND FATHER—I received the three Letters you did me the honor of Writing to me on the 1st of August and 17th of September last, and on the 22nd of April of this year. I Wrote to Monsieur De Noyan on the 14th of October last with reference to my project of removing the hurons with the savage Ceremonies they asked. I directed him to beg you to excuse my not answering you or himself with reference to all that you had Written to me, owing to my many occupations in the autumn. I have no doubt that he has performed that commission, so you must think no ill of my silence.

I am Sending my Nephew with the Sieur Duburon to carry my message to the hurons, Outaouacs, Poutouatamis, Sauteux, and Mississagués. You will see what it says, and I have reason to think that, knowing the importance of the matter, you will second me to the best of your ability; and I will tell you on this occasion, as I have told the savages, that I have full confidence in you.

You wrote me that there was nothing to fear with regard to the report that they might go to the Sonontouans. I have