

French Regime in Wisconsin

I have the honor to remain with very deep respect, Monsieur,
Your most humble and obedient servant.

DELIGNERY

1728: CONDITIONS AT DETROIT

[Letter from Beauharnois to the French Minister. MS. in archives of Ministère des Colonies, Paris; press-mark, "Canada, Corresp. gén., vol. 50, c. 11, fol. 205."]

MONSEIGNEUR—The Sieur Deschaillons,¹ captain of a Company, whom I sent to Detroit as commandant there, has begged me to have the honor to inform you that he would Not go to That post to serve in lieu of his promotion, as he prefers the honours of the Corps to everything. You are Aware, Monseigneur, that he is an Excellent officer and enjoys a great reputation.

I have the honor to Be with very profound respect, Monseigneur, Your very humble and very obedient servant,

BEAUHARNOIS.

P. S. I was Astonished, Monseigneur, that Monsieur Dupuy should have ventured to Write you that he had decided not to have Delivered to Monsieur Deschaillons the 2000 sacks of powder that were given to Monseieur Tonty, knowing that that officer had not asked it from him, But from Me, who had promised it to him subject to your good pleasure; and that he should also have stated that the Other Commandants are charged With the expense of Their Posts, as there is no other post In the whole

¹Jean Baptiste Saint Ours Deschaillons was born in Canada in 1669; married one of the La Gardeur family; commanded a detachment for the upper country in 1715; later held command at Fort St. Joseph; and in 1727 at Kaministogoya, whither he was removed to Detroit in 1728. In 1736, he was in command of Crown Point, and is thus characterized (*Can. Archives*, 1899, p. 26): "Age 60. Bright witted, loved by the troops. Has given grounds for talk as to his morals. In command at Pointe à la Chevelure. Ens., 1692; Lieut., 1710; Cap., 1718." Deschaillons died in 1747.—Ed.