

If my letter should arrive soon enough, my dear uncle, to make it possible to send me a Canoe this fall, I should be greatly obliged if you would give orders for sending one. The presents you have given me for The savages are scant. I have no more porcelain though I need it every day. Messieurs The hurons do not care at all for the White kind. I decided to write to the keeper of the stores at niagara to send me by the first Canoes that come up three or four thousand beads.

I have set up house-keeping in a house which I found in readiness on my arrival, thanks to the attentions of Monsieur de Noyan. He urged me not to keep my own table but to live with him; but I did not consider that advisable, so I decided to set up a private establishment with Messieurs dubaron [Duburon] and la Chavinguerie.¹

The Reverend Father de larichardie, with The principal chiefs of his village, came out to meet me four leagues from detroit. This jesuit, as shrewd and Intelligent as his profession requires, has seemed to me thus far to be greatly interested in The success of my enterprise; but As I know that the most cunning policy is that which seems The most natural, *sic et sic illi fido*.

I am with very great Respect Monsieur, my dear Uncle, Your very humble and very obedient Servant

DETROIT, August 2, 1741. THE CHEVALIER DE BEAUHARNOIS.

The convoy has just arrived, Aug. 5, 1741. The black-robe [Jesuit priest] from whom I come has just received letters from the Company, I mean from his superiors, who write him that your interest in the pursuit and success of my enterprise has slackened. If you have not the goodness, my dear uncle, to write here in a firm tone and to declare yourself against the migration from detroit to Grosse Isle *pro rex et membrum societatis*, do not appear to me to be disposed to second me—far from it. Monsieur Duburon Has not yet arrived; I expect him to-day or to-morrow at the latest.

¹Probably Michel Maray, sieur de la Chauvignerie, son of Louis Maray, an officer in the marine. Michel, an Iroquois interpreter, was born in 1704, and married Marie Joseph Raimbaut (1740).—Ed.