

Chiefs to Him, that he might see Whether they were firm in their resolution.

I Think, Monseigneur, there should not be such Persistence to get them. Times will Change, and then we will profit thereby.

I remain with very Profound Respect, Monseigneur, Your Grace's Very humble and very obedient Servant,

NOYAN.¹

Should my enemies bring charges against me and should these be brought to you, Monseigneur, I very humbly Beg Your grace to give me an opportunity to justify myself and confound them.

I am informed that Monsieur Hocquart wishes to appoint a Subdelegate at Detroit. I can assure you, Monseigneur, that there is not the slightest Necessity for this, And that I make a fairly good use of a little law I learned. There has not been a suit which I have not decided since I have been here, although there have been Many, some of which were very old.

1741: OTTAWA REFUSE TO REMOVE

[Source, same as preceding document, but fol. 221.]

Copy of the Letter of the Sieur de Celoron, Commandant at Missilimakinac, Written to Monsieur the Marquis de Beauharnois on the 2nd of September, 1741.

MONSIEUR—I have at length induced the savages to go and inspect the depths of their clearings. They are to start tomorrow, and as soon as they return, if the Lands be found suitable, I will Send the French there to work so as to enable them to sow in the Spring. I think, Monsieur, you will approve some expenses I shall be obliged to incur to place them in ac-

¹Copyist's note: "Only the signature is autograph; the postscript is in De Noyan's writing."