

some for your village also. All this should Induce you to live peacefully and quietly with your brothers.

*To the Six Nations*

My Children, the Council that has been held here today, will be announced by the officers commanding the Posts to all the Nations My Children.

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1742: POSTS TO BE AUCTIONED

[Letter from Beauharnois to the French Minister, dated Sept. 5, 1742. MS. in archives of Ministère des Colonies, Paris; press mark, "Canada, Corresp. gén., vol. 77, c. 11, fol. 94."]

MONSEIGNEUR—I have received the Letter you did me The honor of Writing Me on the 20th of April last. I have seen in the King's Memorial what His Majesty has enacted with regard to the Trade and Exploitation of the Posts of the upper Country. I do not think there are any, Monseigneur, where the officers cannot Be of great use; otherwise I would not have sent them there.

It would have Been desirable, Monseigneur, that this arrangement should have been suspended, and that you should Have Had the goodness to Communicate it to me before Ordering its Execution, because I should have Had the honor of submitting to you my representations on the importance of this subject.

It is to be feared, Monseigneur, that as soon as the savages learn that the Posts are to be disposed of to the highest Bidder, they will all go over to the English. This may perhaps not be noticed the first year, but it may happen in the second. I can give no better proof of this, Monseigneur, than the precaution I took to Prevent the Ouyatanons, Petikokias, Kikapoux, and Maskoutins from passing by Chouégheh, as you will see in my answers to their Speeches, and the promise I gave