

Moreover, I Beg you, Monseigneur, to Be convinced that I will continue to exercise careful attention in the choice of the officers I shall appoint to the command of the various Posts, and I flatter myself that you will approve the List I shall have the honor of Sending you every year. The same applies to the distribution I shall make of what His Majesty is pleased to continue to give to the poor families of this country, and which I think I have hitherto effected with the discernment you recommended to Me In View of their Needs.

I remain with very profound Respect, Monseigneur, Your very humble and very obedient servant,

BEAUHARNOIS.

QUEBEC, September 5, 1742.

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1742: SETTLEMENT OF DETROIT HURONS; JESUIT INTER-FERENCE

[Letter of Beauharnois to the French Minister, dated Sept. 15, 1742. Source, same as preceding document, but vol. 75, fol. 121.]

MONSEIGNEUR—I received the Letter you did me The honor of Writing me on the 14th of February last, with reference to the hurons of Detroit.

You may have seen, Monseigneur, by all the documents appended to my despatch of the 17th of September of last year that I acted solely in consequence of the repeated requests of those savages, of the Letters from the Sieur De Noyan and from Father de la Richardie. That Written by the latter to Father St. Pé, his superior, on the 26th of August, 1740, which fell by accident into my Hands as it came to My address, and of which an Extract is annexed, had decided Me to take precautions for the removal of the Nation from a Place where I considered their destruction certain, since it is true that Father de la Richardie, after speaking of grosse Isle as a place for their Settlement, wrote that he thought they would hardly live more in peace there than at Detroit.