

The conduct of the Chiefs toward my nephew, did not originate with them, but Was inspired by their Missionary, and I can give you no better proof of this, Monseigneur, than to Send you an Extract from his Letter Written to Father Dujaunay in the month of December, 1741, wherein the whole Mystery is unveiled, and the proof thereof results from Information I have Had.

If that Missionary perceived that he gave no pleasure to My Nephew by following him to Sandoské, this clearly proves that he Endeavored to thwart him.

You may see, Monseigneur, by all i have had The honor of Writing to you and by the annexed documents, that I have taken no step inconsistent with authority and dignity, as Father de la Richardie Writes; neither have I ever refused the Hurons' request to come and Settle at Montreal. On the contrary I have Endeavored to keep everything calm until I could see how the affair would turn, and I decided to Remove them from Detroit only when it seemed to me advisable to do so. I had the honor, Monseigneur, of Reporting to you on this matter by a despatch of the 14th of October, 1740, and by another of the 12th of May, 1741, and you were pleased to write me on the 26th of July of the Same year, that His Majesty could but rely on me for Carrying out my views with regard to those Savages.

The Father was right when he wrote to Father Dujaunay, that the three hurons who came down with My Nephew would not say a word; he Was quite sure of his facts.

I imagine, Monseigneur, that what Led him to induce the hurons not to come down, was that he thought, from what may have been told him, that Monsieur Piquet was having Cabins erected at the Lake of two Mountains, and clearings made, to receive the hurons. They who Wrote to him on the subject were not aware that such Cabins and clearings, Were intended for the Algonkins and Népissingues Wandering in the Interior, as I had The honor of informing you by my despatch of the 12th of May, 1741.

I was not Desirous of Establishing the hurons at grosse Isle,