

Notwithstanding what Father de la Richardie Wrote to his superior, with reference to my acting in Concert with him. You will see, Monseigneur, by the Letter I Wrote him on the 30th of August, 1741, that I said to him that, previous to the quarrel of the hurons with the Nations of Detroit, there Was no mention of the sterility of their Fields, and that my intention Was not that they should go and Settle there. He has not as yet sent any answer to that Letter. It will be easy for you to see that those Fathers want to have a share in the Government, which is very pernicious inasmuch as they make the savages act according to their Ideas and their interested views.

According to the last News from Detroit, it is stated that the hurons would not live at grosse Isle; that they were going to establish themselves at la belle [Ohio] Rivière and would Seek only to Go away. I fear they will Carry out their design, because so long as they are at Peace with the Têtes-plates, they will never live in quiet with the Nations they have Betrayed, unless they war against them. This was the plan I had thought of, but Father de la Richardie again opposed it as you may see, Monseigneur, by the Extract from his Letter Written to Father St. Pé on the 10th of June, 1741.

I am well aware, Monseigneur, that the Removal of the hurons would have entailed considerable expense, and this led me to Seek to Settle their awkward affair. Nevertheless they could not have represented to me that they acted in obedience to my orders, inasmuch as they had asked me and had several times caused me to be asked to be allowed to Settle near me for their own Tranquillity and that of their wives and Children. If those savages go to la belle Rivière, they will soon go to the Têtes plates, and become the Enemies of all the Nations.

I have been informed, Monseigneur, by two credible persons, that the English Governor of the neighboring country had Written to Father de la Richardie that if the hurons would go and Settle there, they might practice their Religion, and he might act as their Missionary.