

There is nothing the English do not practise to Bribe our savages and attract them to them. I watch and have watch kept constantly to frustrate their designs. I might flatter myself that I could succeed Were I not thwarted as I have hitherto Been, without being able to apply any remedy as you may see. If the News of the hurons' design be confirmed, I will take the most rightful means to frustrate it, and shall have the honor to Report to you thereon.

Before receiving His Majesty's orders, I Had decided to take no steps to remove the hurons, because I had Been informed that they Were not in accord. I spoke to the three Chiefs who Were in Montreal on the 28th of June last, and sent them back to their village. I have The honor of appending the Duplicate of my speech; the original was sent by the transport "Canada."

I have sent the Sieur de Celoron to be Commandant at Detroit in the place of the Sieur De Noyan. I gave him orders to exercise the Strictest supervision to prevent all Outside Trade at that Place, to arrest all offenders and Send them to Me in close custody.

I handed him a Copy of my words to the hurons, with instructions to gather them together and repeat the same to them.

I also gave him orders to allow the French Settled at the Post and the voyageurs, to trade at grosse isle, and even to Settle there if they deem expedient.

I Ordered him to watch and to have Strict watch kept to prevent all fraudulent Trade at that Place, and, in the Event of his observing any Abuses and of its being necessary to erect a fort to put a stop to the same, he was to notify me promptly.

Nevertheless, Monseigneur, I have seen what you are pleased to order with reference to the Establishment of that Post. I shall have the honor of reporting to you what I have done in this respect by another despatch.

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

BEAUHARNOIS

QUEBEC, September 15, 1742.