

matter to place myself in the Position of failing to keep my word with them, and I do not think it is Advisable to Offend the Savages of that Post in this matter.

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

BEAUHARNOIS

QUEBEC, October 1, 1742.

1742: LATEST NEWS FROM WESTERN POSTS

[Letter from Beauharnois to the French Minister, dated Oct. 12, 1742. MS. in archives of Ministère des Colonies, Paris; pressmark, "Nouvelle France, Postes des Pays de l'Ouest, C. 11, vol. 16, fol. 258."]¹

MONSEIGNEUR—Since the Letters I Had the honor of Writing you by the King's ship "le Rubis" regarding the posts of the Upper country and the parleys I held last Summer with the various Nations that came down to Montreal, I have received some from Missilimackinac, la Baye, Kamanistigouia, fort la Reine, Lac des Bois, Miamis, Ouyatanons, Ouabache, and fort de Chartres of which I shall have the honor to give you an account.

The Sieur de Vercheres writes me on the 9th of September last, that he had caused to be paid to the Sieur Lamarque and Company the 56 packages that the Sieur de la Verendrye owed to their Firm, and had caused 24 others to be handed to the Sieur Legras for the goods that Firm had left in the western Posts. Thus, Monseigneur, this matter is settled by virtue of The order I gave, a Copy whereof I have Had the honor of Sending you.

That officer writes me that he caused to be delivered to the Scioux Chiefs who came here last Summer, the two Captives

¹Three volumes entitled "Postes des Pays de l'Ouest" collect material from the correspondence of Cadillac, Duluth, the Vérendryes, etc., chiefly about the discovery of the Western Sea. See *Canadian Archives*, 1887, pp. cclxxv-cclxxxii.—Ed.