

1744: ARRANGEMENTS FOR WESTERN POSTS

[Extract from a letter of Beauharnois and Hocquart to the French Minister, dated Oct. 14, 1744. Source, same as preceding document, but vol. 81, fol. 12.]

MONSEIGNEUR—

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Detroit The arrangements formerly prescribed by His Majesty regarding The Exploitation of the Post of Detroit have been carried out with The Modifications He was pleased to approve. With regard to the Establishment of the stationary Commandant, we see no objection to it. Monsieur de Beauharnois has The honor to inform you in a private despatch that he will await His Majesty's orders, either to make such commandant stationary, or to Leave matters on their present footing. But we doubt whether the sum of 3,000 livres which is allowed the Sieur Chevalier de Longueuil yearly In consideration of his command, will be sufficient to induce him to remain there Longer than 3 or 4 years, unless His Majesty be pleased to grant the rank of Major in addition together with allowances on the same footing as He formerly enacted In favor of the Commandant of fort de Chartres. Moreover the voyageurs alone have enjoyed and still enjoy the Trade, and we have not been informed that The Sieur Chevalier de Longueuil has done any trading.

Michilimakinac The Post of Michilimakinac was Exploited as usual with 12 Canoes, as His Majesty ordered.

Other posts The Posts of Camanistigoya and Miamis were farmed out. The Posts of Camanistigoya and Miamis were farmed out last winter for 3 years, The former to the Sieur Maugras for the price of 3,000 livres And the latter to the Sieur Charly¹ for 6,850 livres. We are making out the lease for that of Chagouamigon with Madame La Ronde as was arranged. His Majesty has disposed

¹One of two brothers, Louis and Jacques, sons of Jean Baptiste Charly, dit St. Ange.—Ed.