

of the Post of Alepinigon In favor of the Sieur La Lanne.
That of the River St. Joseph will be farmed out next winter.

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We remain with very profound respect, Monseigneur, Your
very humble and very obedient servants,

BEAUHARNOIS
HOCQUART

QUEBEC, October 14, 1744.

1744: BAD RESULTS OF LEASING SYSTEM AT GREEN BAY

[Letter of Beauharnois to the French Minister, dated Oct. 25, 1744.
Source, same as preceding document, but fol. 196.]

MONSEIGNEUR—I am to have The honor of Informing you that in the Report made to me this year by Monsieur de Lusignan, the Commandant at la Baye, respecting the Affairs of that Post, he complains that the farmers who Exploit the same act in that capacity with much independence and insubordination to the orders he gives them with respect to the maintenance of the French and savages. That officer adds that they have also entered into a compact with eight or ten Coureurs des bois who came to la Baye on the first of May last by which, in consideration of a sum of 6,000 livres in Beaver skins which those Coureurs paid on the Spot, the farmers bind themselves to supply them this fall with goods at the same rate as they sell them to the other French of the post and to give them permission to Trade them at that Place; also, as he has no garrison with him, he has been unable, not only to secure the Coureurs des Bois, but even to repress the License of the farmers who are all the more blameworthy as they are acting in direct contravention to His Majesty's ordinances, supporting themselves in this matter, as in all others contrary to good order, by the argument that, as they pay the rent of the Post, they must in no wise be hindered in anything they Consider conducive to their interests. On learning of this weak argument I wrote to the