

Captain de la Corne, who was detached by the General to all the Upper Nations; he writes us from Michilimakinac, on the 6th of May, that all the nations whom he had visited had voluntarily and readily offered to go down to Montreal, and that he had not met any difficulty in his mission, in which he succeeded beyond his most sanguine expectations. He expects to arrive in Montreal on the 20th of this month at soonest; he does not tell us the number of Indians, nor the names of the tribes that are to follow him.

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June 26th. We send the necessary orders to Montreal, for the dispatch of the canoes destined for the posts of the Upper Country, which it is impossible to detain any longer in view of the necessity that exists of sending goods to the Indians who are absolutely in need of them. These canoes are to be convoyed by about 100 Frenchmen and Indians, for fear of surprise, principally from the Mohawks. Ensign Dubuisson, who commands this convoy, has orders to escort the canoes as far as Niagara.¹ On his arrival there, he will leave half his detachment at that post, to provide the necessary firewood for the garrison, and pursue his voyage with the remainder of his men as far as Detroit, whence he will conduct the canoes destined for the most distant posts and places.

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July 8th. We learn by a letter of the 6th that M^r de Lacerne, the elder, had just arrived with 192 Indians from Michilimakinac, River St^t Joseph, and the Baie, about 80 of whom are women and children.

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July 16th. These gentlemen write us on the 15th that they have heard and answered the Indians whom M^r de La Corne

¹Son of Joseph Guyon Dubuisson, for whose services in the Fox wars see *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, xvi, index. The officer mentioned in the text was second ensign in 1741, ensign in full service 1745, and lieutenant 1750. Probably he was the captain who was wounded at Quebec in 1760. See *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, v, p. 118.—Ed.