

former is to remain in command at Michilimakinac, in case the latter visit the Bay. We add to M^r de Vercheres' instructions, that the voyageurs who will be detained at Michilmakinac, are to trade concurrently at the post, and should they make any representations, we shall pay attention to whatever is just.

We send Sieur de la Verendrie, Jun^r,¹ back to Michilimakinac with our despatches to M^r de Verchères, in order that this commandant may be early advised of the arrangements we are adopting for the relief of that post.

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Aug. 25th We are in receipt of letters from Mess^{rs} de Beaucourt and Michel, in answer to ours of the 15th; he informs us that they are about to dispatch, with all diligence, the convoy of the 100 [10] canoes of provisions destined for Michilimakinac, under the command of M^r de S^t Pierre.

28th The General writes to M. de Verchères; he makes no change in the arrangements for Michilimakinac; he adds only, that should the Indians of the Bay appear to him favorably disposed towards us, of which he will be informed, he leaves him at liberty to send M^r de Saint Pierre to that post, to sound

murderers of the French, and if they did not bring them to him immediately, he would go and look for them himself. The day after this council several chiefs who were there came to the fort and said to him: 'My Father, we will bring you the murderers of the French, which you asked of us yesterday, and we leave you master, to dispose of them as you wish. Nevertheless, if we have a favor to ask of you, it is to spare their lives.' Little affected by these words, I told them I could not be master of their fate, of which their father Onothis was sole depository, and that I could not do away with their being bound like criminals as they were, and that they should have them ready to be taken to the general, under orders from M. le Chevalier de Repentigny, these murderers, which was done."—Ed.

¹Pierre Gaultier Varennes, eldest son of Sieur de la Vérendrye. He had accompanied and aided his father in the latter's discoveries, was made ensign in 1744, lieutenant in 1756, and drowned on his way to France in 1761. For his own report of his services see Margry, *Découv. et Établ.*, vi, pp. 626-632.—Ed.