

By granting them licenses free of charge. 10 Canoes have gone to Michilimakinac, 9 of which paid Monsieur de Beauharnois 400 livres each, on condition that they would each carry 800 pounds weight for The King; the 10th paid 700 livres but it carried nothing.

4 Canoes to the Miamis.

4 to Chogouamigon.

2 left for fort Dauphin, on the Western sea.<sup>1</sup>

6 for La Baye.

2 for Mishipicoton.

4 for the Ouiatanons.

2 for Nepigon.

4 for The River St. Joseph.

1 for The post of Vincennes.

2 for Camanistigoya.

The farmers of all these posts have made representations in order to be relieved from the payment of the amounts due on their leases, alleging that they have incurred heavy losses. This will cause difficulties which we foresee we cannot settle before the departure of the ships, but, until things change, it cannot be expected that the posts will yield any profit. Monsieur The Count de la Galissoniere is even very uncertain whether he will be able to have the commanding officers paid the gratuities allowed them. He will report to you the arrangement he may have made or been able to make in this matter with Monsieur de Beauharnois.

Of all the Canoes that started this year for the Upper Countries and of those that left last year to return this year, 33 only have arrived that came from Michilimakinac, under the Command of the Sieur Duplessis, Ensign.<sup>2</sup> We are expecting

<sup>1</sup>This post was built by the Vérendryes in 1741. There has been some doubt as to its exact situation, but it was on or near the western shore of Lake Manitoba.—Ed.

<sup>2</sup>Probably François Antoine Lefebvre, Sieur Duplessis, born in 1703; he was appointed ensign in 1741, and lieutenant in 1750. He was a younger brother of the Duplessis who commanded at La Baye in 1726; see *ante*, p. 17, note 1.—Ed.