

1747: SALARY OF COMMANDANTS OF WESTERN POSTS

[Letter of La Galissonière to the French Minister, dated Oct. 11, 1747. Source, same as preceding document, but vol. 87, fol. 238.]

QUEBEC, October 11, 1747.

MONSEIGNEUR—It will be very difficult for me this year to enter into details regarding what are called the posts of the upper countries, and into a comparison between the old system and the present Establishment; but Monsieur The Marquis de Beauharnois will be able to give you full information on the subject.

I will merely say that it would seem to me just that the officers commanding those posts be paid regularly the gratuities that have been granted them, and that such payment should be made even if no revenue be derived from the post. As they have no share in the incidental profits it seems that they should not have to bear the losses. They have all the more reason to hope for this favor from the King because their expenses have increased owing to the difficulty of procuring provisions, and to the other effects of the war.

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I remain, with very profound respect, Monseigneur, Your very humble and very obedient servant,

LA GALISSONIERE

1747: COUREURS DES BOIS INJURE TRADE

[Letter of La Galissonière to the French Minister, dated Oct. 24, 1747. Source, same as preceding document, but vol. 254.]

[QUEBEC, October 21, 1747.]

MONSEIGNEUR—In the Letters you did me the honor of Writing to me you spoke to me about the injury Done to Trade and to the Nation by some Coureurs des Bois. This disorder has been carried further this year than it has Hitherto Been owing to the Disturbances that have Arisen in the Posts chiefly in connection with the suppression or delay of Consignments of goods. I know of one remedy only and that is to Ship some of those