

otherwise than by depriving them of the supplies they derive for the support of their families, and which they cannot dispense with; this might have been effected were the traders prevented going to the different posts, according to the Marquis de Beauharnois' intentions; and this officer takes this occasion of saying, that it would be well not to allow the canoes to leave Montreal next Spring for Michilimakinac and other posts, until he have informed us of the sentiments in which the Nations of that country will then be, and as soon as he shall have learned their intentions he will take occasion to report them to us.

M<sup>r</sup> de St. Pierre adds, that he has recalled a Pouteouatamie chief, who was going to Montreal with the French who were taking down their peltries; it is the only Nation to be relied on. He has spoken to this chief by two Belts; the first, to congratulate him on the good conduct observed up to the present time by the people of his tribe, hinting to him that they ought not to listen to evil talks; that they ought to harken only to their father's words, which alone they ought to rely on. The second, to engage them not to leave their village, as he has been informed that M. de Bertet, the commandant at the Illinois,<sup>1</sup> was using every appliance at his disposal to attract them, which would be very prejudicial to the public service, because, being sure of the fidelity of that Nation, it will always be a barrier in the way of the others, and the means to keep them in check.

Sends back Sieur Lavérendie, Jun<sup>r</sup>, to Montreal in command of the convoy he brought to Michilimakinac.

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Nov. 14th We are in receipt of letters from Chevalier de Longueuil, commandant of Detroit, dated 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of August last, whereof this is an extract:

The Hurons of Sandosket, and of Nicolas' band, continue insolent; this chief is unceasing in his efforts to gain allies.

Divers Huron war parties that had been against the Chica-

<sup>1</sup>This should be Bertel (Berthel), who was governor of the Illinois country 1743 to 1748 or 1749.—Ed.