

To procure abundance in that post and to promote its settlement I see no objection to the Governor of Mississippi and That of Canada issuing licenses to trade there, or even to their selling the same provided the price be low. As there are no leases or exclusive licenses, there will be no discussion.

Such, Monseigneur, is the answer I can give regarding illinois.

I defer to another despatch what I have to say to you regarding all the posts of Canada generally, and moreover I take the liberty of begging you to consult Monsieur hocquart¹ on all this, although we are not precisely of the same opinion.

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

LA GALISSONIERE

1748: POST AT CHEQUAMEGON

[Letter of La Galissonière and Bigot to the French Minister, dated Sept. 20, 1748. Source, same as preceding document, but fol. 24.]

MONSEIGNEUR—We reply to the Letter you Wrote to Messieurs de La Galissoniere And hocquart on The 6th of March last.

Nobody came forward this year to farm The Post of Chagouamigon. We Allowed The Agent of Madame La Ronde to return there last spring. We shall See next spring what arrangement can be made to farm That Post and in such Case we

¹ Gilles Hocquart, the intendant of New France, was recalled from Canada contemporaneously with Governor Beauharnois; but his successor not arriving, he tarried in the colony until the autumn of 1748. Galissonière suggests that he should be consulted in person, upon his arrival in France.—Ed.