

rata). But inasmuch as at the beginning of an Establishment There are more expenses to be incurred than profits to be received, we do not believe that the associated merchants will undertake it. And, in such case, we beg you to honor us with his majesty's orders on this point, and to let us know what he thinks of the necessity of preserving for ourselves so Advantageous a Post, and a nation that has already given us proofs of its faithfulness and of its attachment. You might, Monseigneur, communicate to us his majesty's Intentions On the subject by the Isle Royale, or by the first merchant vessels sailing for this Colony. The time necessary for obtaining news of what may have occurred among the sioux since the spring will also give us leisure to await his majesty's orders before doing anything. The Sieur de Beauharnois will neglect nothing calculated to keep the Sioux favorably disposed toward the French as they are at present (pending his Majesty's decision) and he will devote his whole attention to it.

He Will Inform the Sieur Deschaillons of what you are pleased to notify him in connection with the Allowance of two thousand pounds of powder that he asked for his Post [at Kaministigoya].

We have the honor to be with very profound respect, Monseigneur, Your very humble and very obedient servants,

BEAUHARNOIS.
HOCQUART.

QUEBEC, October 25th, 1729.

1729: FOXES ATTACKED BY THEIR NEIGHBORS

[Letter of Beauharnois to the French Minister, dated Oct. 25, 1729. Source, same as preceding document, but vol. 51, c. 11, fol. 164.]

MONSEIGNEUR—I have the honor to Send You the Extract from a Letter written to me by Monsieur de la Corne respecting the attack by the Outawacs of Missilimakinac, the folles avoines And the puants Upon a Renard Village. The news was brought