

of three men; nor did he consider the difficulties that would be encountered in conveying Five thousand livres weight of the ore in Bark Canoes that would inevitably be wrecked if struck by a squall on that Lake while approaching shore—as ore cannot be landed as easily as packages of Furs.

We will neglect no steps, Monseigneur, to procure information as to the quality and quantity of the ore in the mine, And to that End, the Sieur de Beauharnois will send orders next spring to the officer commanding at the point of Chagoüamigon to instruct some voyageurs who may pass by that Spot to bring as much ore as they can from the mine with a detailed Report on its situation and Extent, which we shall have the honor to send you when we receive it. It is impossible to get information about it, otherwise, since you do not deem it advisable to send an especial Canoe thither.¹

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

BEAUHARNOIS

HOCQUART

QUEBEC, October 25th, 1729.

1730: CONTINUED ATTACKS ON THE FOXES

[Letters of Beauharnois to the French Minister, dated May 6 and June 25, 1730, detailing further attacks made by the French Indians upon the Foxes, and the preparation of an expedition under Dubuisson, commandant at Mackinac, are in *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, v, pp. 104-107. Transcripts of the original letters from the Paris archives are in the collections of the Society. The word in the first letter translated "flat-boats" should be "cabins."]

¹ Marginal note on MS., added at Paris: "They will send a detailed report next year on the Copper Mine. It is expected that they will omit no explanations."