

1748: THE UPPER POSTS

[Letter of the French minister to La Galissonnière,¹⁶ dated Feb. 12, 1748. MS. in Archives Coloniales, Paris; pressmark, "Amérique, serie B, Canada, vol. 87, fol. 18."]

VERSAILLES, February 12, 1748.

MONSIEUR—I reply to the letters you wrote me on the 4th, 12th, and 22nd October of last year.

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It is greatly to be desired that the arrival at Detroit and at Michilimackinac of the Convoys sent to those two posts should have contributed to restore tranquility there. The goods transported there by them, and also what the nations have heard concerning the supplies the colony has received, must have enabled them to see the little foundation there was for the rumors carefully spread by the enemy regarding its alleged state of exhaustion. But the best way to restrain them would doubtless be to inflict a signal punishment on the Sautaux as being the most guilty, and His Majesty will approve the measures you may take with that purpose.

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1748: THE SHAWNEE

[Letter from the French minister to La Galissonnière, dated Feb. 23, 1748. Source, same as preceding document, but folio 31.]

VERSAILLES, February 23, 1748.

MONSIEUR—The Chouïanon Savages, after residing a long while at Detroit, decided several years ago to leave that post and go and settle in the direction of the Belle Rivière; they were led to determine upon such removal by quarrels that had arisen between them and the other savages. Those quarrels are

¹⁶ The new governor, for whom see *Ibid.*, p. 470.—ED.