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1753: GRANT OF LA BAYE

[Extract from a letter from the French minister to Du Quesne, dated June 30, 1753. Source, same as preceding document, but "Amérique, série B, Canada, vol. 97, folio 45."]

VERSAILLES, June 30, 1753.

MONSIEUR—

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I have also submitted to the King your representations in favor of Monsieur de Rigaud. His Majesty having in view the making of other arrangements regarding the exploitation of the posts which it may be advisable to retain in the colony, had at first decided not to grant that of la Baye to that Governor as you had proposed. But I deemed it my duty to urge that proposal in order to procure some aid to Monsieur de Rigaud, who must in fact be in need of it owing to the expenses he is obliged to incur in his government of Three Rivers. His Majesty has been pleased to consent to your granting him the lease of that post, but for 2 years only, and he relies upon you as to the conditions you may deem advisable to impose in connection with its exploitation.

savage auxiliaries to the aid of Carleton, who gave him a commission as captain in the Indian department. In 1777 he was again sent with native reinforcements for Burgoyne's army, but returned before the latter's surrender. In 1778 he was dispatched to Montreal. The following years of this war found him occupied in the West, chiefly against George Rogers Clark. The remainder of his life was devoted to private interests, his services for the king being, however, well recognized. His death must have occurred after January, 1800. See autograph letter, *post.*—Ed.