

ed for that officer with all possible patience, nearly a month, evincing great repentance for their fault, I have ordered the Commandant of the Wyatanons, whither that nation had retired, to grant them pardon on condition that they would bring me, next year, the murderers; by this means it may be calculated that these Indians have at present submitted.

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1754: RIGAUD AND THE LEASE OF LA BAYE

[Letter from Du Quesne to the French minister, dated Oct. 31, 1754. MS. in Archives Coloniales, Paris; pressmark, "Canada, Corresp. gén., C 11, vol. 99, fol. 311."]

MONSEIGNEUR—I have the honor to inform you that Monsieur de Rigaud Vaudreuil, governor of Three Rivers, has urgently asked me leave to go to France to endeavor to restore his health as he is convinced that the physicians of Paris will cure him completely. I have not deemed it advisable to refuse him such permission, because, in his present state, he is hardly able to perform the duties of his government wherein the closest attention to details is required.

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mand under Marin to build the forts on the upper Ohio, and then to proceed down that river and receive the submission of the chastised Miami. He was, however, detained in the region of Rivère au Bœuf until too late in the season to move southward. He thereupon cut the portage road at Chautauqua (Oct., 1753) and returned to Canada. The year 1754 found him again on the Ohio, whence he was ordered to visit the upper posts, via Presqu'isle and Detroit. In 1755 he was made major of Montreal, and the next year was awarded the cross of St. Louis. Through the connection of his wife with Bigot, the intendant, Péan was concerned in the dishonest plundering of the king's stores. In 1757 and 1758 he provisioned the armies on Lake Champlain, and in the latter part of the second year went to France, ostensibly for his health, in reality to protect the association of speculators. On the downfall of New France, he was thrown into the Bastille, where he remained several years—finally gaining release on the payment of a fine of 600,000 francs. In 1765 he was living quietly in Paris, where he probably died.—Ed.