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1755: CONCESSION OF POST OF LA BAYE

[Letter from the French minister to Vaudreuil, dated July 15, 1755. Source, same as preceding document, but série B, vol. 101, folio 17.]

COMPIEGNE, July 15, 1755.

You are informed, Monsieur, of the application made by Monsieur de Rigaud for the extension of the lease of the post of La Baye. On the report made by me on it to the King, and on the representations in support of it, His Majesty has ordered me to tell you that he approves of your extending the concession of that post for two years. But there can be no question of any further extension; and His Majesty desires that, after the expiration of such two years, the arrangements for the exploitation of the post of La Baye shall be the same as those made for the other trading posts of the colony, and he will await the suggestions you may have to make respecting such arrangements after you have inquired into everything that has occurred in connection with the matter.

1755: UPPER POSTS AND DETROIT

[Letter from Vaudreuil to the French minister, dated Oct. 30, 1755. Source, same as preceding document, but "Canada, Corresp. gén., C 11, vol. 100, folio 132."]

MONTREAL, October 30, 1755.

MONSEIGNEUR—Although I have been very busy in making suitable arrangements to oppose the progress of the English, I have nevertheless devoted my attention to everything regarding the nations of the Upper countries. I have carefully examined the reports sent by the commandants of every post, and have, moreover, obtained every possible information so as not to remain ignorant of anything.

It is certain, Monseigneur, that the Upper countries generally have been greatly neglected in every respect. Most of the