

[Aug. 30, 1756] The Indians of the Upper Countries appear glad that Chouaguen has fallen, but, at the bottom of their hearts, they are not satisfied.<sup>6</sup> It was a place where they found as much Rum as they pleased, goods much cheaper than with us, and I am persuaded that the high prices of our merchandise will drive them to Orange to trade their peltries, which is a serious injury to the trade of this Colony. It would be an advantage necessary for one reason, were the Indians supplied with our goods at the same price as they are supplied by the English.

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1756: GRANT OF LA BAYE POST

[Letter from Vaudreuil to the French minister, dated 1756. MS. in Archives Coloniales, Paris; pressmark, "Canada, Corresp. gén., C 11, vol. 101, folio 9."]

MONSEIGNEUR—I cannot but be imbued with the liveliest gratitude for your kindness in being pleased to explain to me, by the letter you did me the honor to write me on the 12th of April, the reasons that have prevented the King from approving the suggestion I had the honor to make you, to appoint my brother governor of Montreal.

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As my brother cannot aspire to the position of governor of Montreal and must lose the right, which his seniority as governor would give him, in the meantime, to the rank of command-

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<sup>6</sup> On the other hand, note the following testimony on the effect in the upper country of the fall of Oswego (Chouaguen). The journal of Montcalm in Casgrain, *Lévis Manuscripts* (Quebec, 1895), vii, p. 121, notes under date of Nov. 21, 1756; "Monsieur Dumuys [commandant of Detroit] ensign of the colony, arrived the 21, and confirms the great effect that the taking of Chouaguen has had on the disposition of the savages of the Upper Country. It has animated the courage of those belonging to us, and lowered that of those, who were like the Huron of Detroit in the depth of their hearts on the side of the English."—Ed.