

er-in-chief, I have not hesitated to tell him that he must not count upon it; and I think, subject to the King's good pleasure, that His Majesty will consider it opportune that I should ask that he be honorably retired on account of his services, of those of my brothers and of my father,<sup>7</sup> with a pension that will enable him to live suitably.

Such an arrangement, Monseigneur, seems to me indispensable owing to the impression which my brother's fate (after distinguishing himself in the expeditions most important to the Colony) would produce on the Canadians and savages, and to the unpleasantness that would be caused to my brothers and to myself in particular. I flatter myself that I possess the hearts and the confidence of the colonists, and their sensitiveness through my brother being overlooked might perhaps diminish the zeal and satisfaction wherewith they execute my orders. I might even add, without prejudice, that the retirement of my brother would be a loss to the colony. He is generally liked by the Canadian troops and the Savages. They have given him the most striking proofs of this, and it is certain that his services would have been very useful during this war.

As my brother's affairs are exceedingly embarrassed and the illness of his wife in France causes him heavy expense, I have the honor, Monseigneur, to ask you to be pleased to procure him a continuation of the exploitation of the post of La Baye and its dependencies for three years, because he lost through a Fire at that post last winter about 30,000 livres worth of goods which he owes his purveyors, and, moreover, the price of the goods has

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<sup>7</sup> His father, Philippe de Rigaud, Marquis de Vaudreuil, was governor of Canada (1703-25). The eldest brother, Louis Philippe, known as Count de Vaudreuil, was a distinguished naval officer, attaining the rank of lieutenant-general in the navy and dying (1763) in France. Pierre Antoine, the second brother, known as Baron de Vaudreuil, was colonel in the army, being killed at the siege of Prague in 1742. Jean, called Vicomte de Vaudreuil, was also in the army and attained the rank of lieutenant-general. The youngest of the brothers, Joseph Hyacinthe de Vaudreuil, was captain of infantry, and commandant at San Domingo (1753-59).—Ed.