

nor certificates, nor interpreters' wages; all the cost is at the expense of the lessee.

The commandant (Coutrol, lieutenant) is an officer interested in the lease and who runs it for his own profit and that of his associates.²⁸ He has two thousand francs of gratification. This post includes also the Sioux.²⁹

The savages who come there for trade are the Folles-Avoines, *Sakis*, *Outagamis* or *Renards*, *Puants*, *Maskoutens*, *Kikapous*, *Sioux-des-Prairies*, *Sioux-des-Lacs*. There come from there, in an ordinary year, five to six hundred packages.

Saint Joseph River (Monsieur le Verrier)³⁰ is a fort situated on the right of the river of that name, at twenty leagues from its entrance into Lake Michigan. This post is on the same footing as that of La Baye. The commandant is its farmer entirely or in part, at the pleasure of the governor general; it is supported at the expense of the former, he has two thousand

²⁸ Hubert Couterot, born in Paris, came to Canada sometime before 1750, when he was made ensign in the Canadian troops. In 1755 he was promoted to a lieutenantancy after having married (1752) at Three Rivers, Marie Charlotte Taschereau. He apparently took command at La Baye in 1756, for on July 19 of that year he was in Mackinac, being registered as a godfather. Montcalm notes his arrival in the colony from La Baye Oct. 11, 1758. In 1759 Rigaud mentions a detachment under his charge proceeding from Three Rivers to Montreal, either on the way to the upper country or to reinforce Lévis at Crown Point. Couterot appears to have been the last French commandant at Green Bay. He remained in Canada after the conquest, settling probably at Batiscan.—Ed.

²⁹ The post among the Sioux appears to have been abandoned when the younger Marin, in 1756, retired thence.—Ed.

³⁰ Louis le Verrier was the son of the procurator-general of the colony, and stepson of Marquis de Vaudreuil, governor of New France. Born in 1705, Le Verrier entered the army while still young, being successively second ensign (1722), lieutenant (1739), and captain (1754). In 1756 he accompanied Lévis to Lake Champlain, and appears to have taken command of Fort St. Josephs (1757), where he remained until the spring of 1759 when he was promoted to the majority of Quebec. He returned to France with Vaudreuil, and does not appear to have again been in Canada.—Ed.