

Monsieur De Barry Lieutenant acting as aide-major,⁷² changing nothing therein.

As regards changes whether of soldiers or habitants, we leave it to him to give leave therefor. As to that which every good Christian owes to God his creator, we know too well the sentiments of Sieur de Rocheblave to think it necessary to recommend to him to have prayers offered evening and morning and to put a check upon the blasphemy and oaths to which soldiers are only too much addicted.

In regard to unforeseen events we can only, as we have before said, rely upon the capacity, vigilance, good conduct and experience in war of Sieur de Rocheblave.

NEYON DE VILLIER

Done and given at FORT CHARTRE The 22d May, 1760.

1760: THE WAR DRAWS TO A CLOSE

[Letters from Vaudreuil to the French minister, dated June 24, 1760. Reprinted from *N. Y. Colon. Docs.*, x, pp. 1091-1094.]

MONTREAL, 24th June, 1760.

MY LORD—I have the honor to render you an account of the news I have received from M. de MacCarty, Commandant of Fort Chartres.

He observes to me that his garrison is weaker than it ever has been. In fact, the check at Niagara has cost him the élite of his men.

He informs me that the English were noting down the islands and rivers which disembogue into that of the Cherakis.

In the last days of the month of June of the last year, five Chauouinons of Charretier's band,⁷³ came to him and told him

⁷² This officer retired to New Orleans, and was made major of that city before 1765.—Ed.

⁷³ For Chartier see *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, xvii, p. 331.—Ed.