

around Lake Michigan; one by Sir Robert Davers, who first arrived in Detroit in April and was there again for the winter.³⁷

Late in December, fire broke out in the Sault Ste. Marie barracks, necessitating the abandonment of the post and the withdrawal of the garrison to Mackinac.³⁸

1763: INDIAN HOSTILITIES.

[Summary of Pontiac's conspiracy at the upper posts.]

[Watchful observers throughout the winter of 1762-63 had noticed that the Indians of the upper country were restless and acted in a suspicious manner. In March, Ensign Holmes of the Miami fort intercepted a war-belt among the Indians of

Indies. His sympathies were with the American cause, so that being in London on the outbreak of the Revolution he was imprisoned, losing thereby a large sum of money. Upon his release, Hutchins proceeded to France, and thence to America, where he joined Greene's army in Charleston. His knowledge of engineering made him geographer-general of the United States. In that capacity he surveyed many boundary lines, and prepared several valuable maps that are important historical sources. His death occurred in Pittsburgh in 1789.—Ed.

³⁷Sir Robert Davers was the eldest son of Sir Jermyn of Suffolk. His father having died in 1743, he was left the head of the family and lived at his seat of Rossbrooke. He came to America, apparently in 1761, for a year or more of travel and observation. In the spring of 1762 he was at Detroit, whence he left for a tour of the upper lakes, apparently visiting Lake Superior. Alexander Henry mentions his return thence, although assigning it to a wrong date. He spent the winter of 1762-63 at Detroit and going out early in May to assist Captain Robertson in sounding the upper St. Clair, was with his companions murdered by Indians (May 7, 1763), the first hostility of Pontiac's conspiracy. It is said that the body of Sir Robert was devoured at a cannibal feast.—Ed.

³⁸See Henry's *Travels*, pp. 64-68. Lieut. John Jamet was seriously burned, and had great difficulty in reaching Mackinac.—Ed.