

Celoron captain<sup>42</sup> for that command, and has given him the rank of major with the same prerogatives as the commandant of the Illinois post. As such his pay will be 1200 livres besides the usual allowance of 3000 livres to be taken from the proceeds of the licenses issued for the exploitation of that post.

Monsieur the Comte de La Galissoniere had also proposed that that commandant be given authority over the posts of the Miamis, of the river Blanche and of the Ouyatanons or nations of the Oüabache,<sup>43</sup> His Majesty has approved that suggestion, and Monsieur the Marquis de Lajonquiere may send them the necessary orders accordingly. I enclose his commission as major.

You will make that officer understand how flattered he should be at such a mark of confidence and also the continual attention he should devote to making himself worthy of it. His first aim must be to maintain the nations of the continent in proper dispositions; and, as the surest way to do this is to strengthen the post with permanent residents, he must neglect nothing that can contribute towards getting the greatest possible number. His Majesty desires that you, on your part, should give your concurrence in the matter. If there be any special arrangements to be made to induce habitants to go and take up farms at that post, you may propose them; and Monsieur the Marquis de Lajonquiere will, moreover, confer with

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<sup>42</sup> For a brief sketch of Pierre Joseph Céloron see *Ibid.*, p. 207. The date of his death is there erroneously given; he died of wounds received in 1759. See *Canadian Archives*, 1905, i, p. 306; and *Mich. Pion. and Hist. Colls.*, xxxiv, p. 333. The Sieur de Céloron who retired to France and died there after 1778, was probably his son.—ED.

<sup>43</sup> For these posts see *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, xvii, p. 131. The "post of the river Blanche" has been identified by us (*Ibid.*, p. 501) with Vincennes. We are now disposed, however, in view of later information, to change our opinion. There seems to have been a post about 1745-47 in the Iroquois-Miami village, on the Little Miami, about nine miles above the Ohio. See *Canadian Archives*, 1905, p. 42; and *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, xvii, pp. 458, 474, 475.—ED.