

cies of the Indians to the Westward. The Post at *La Baye* on the West side of *Lake Michigan*, the Indians have desired to be reestablished, and it is so well situated by reason of the Water communication, with very little interruption to the Mississippi, and so well calculated for all the Indians West of the Lake Michigan, that it deserves to be taken much notice of. At present affairs there are likely to be very troublesome on account of a claim laid to that post and a considerable district around it by a Gentleman of the name of *Grant* in virtue of a purchase, said to be made of M^r *Rigaud de Vadreville* whose title, if any he had, was of little weight, and the whole of the transaction as laid before me by the Merchants of Canada appears to have been a piece of artifice huddled up about the time of the surrender of Canada, (or rather much later,) as the Commander in Chief is of opinion some steps were ordered to be taken to render the Claim invalid, and unless it is soon done, it will greatly affect the Indian Affairs, and trade of that quarter.

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But all these garrisons will not be alike exposed to that dependence; *La Baye* the most important of any I have mentioned can receive all its supplies in the King's ships which go to *Michilimackinac* without additional expence or risque.

[Letter from Cardin to Augustin Langlade, dated Aug. 16, 1767. Translated from original MS. in Wisconsin Historical Library.®]

FROM MICHILLIMACKINAC August 16, 1767.

SIR—I wish above all things monsieur that The present letter may find you well, and all your amiable family in perfect health. I am flattered to inform you that Chaboiller has

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