

tions would never dare to make disturbances. And to succeed in this and have Proper discipline in that country, it was necessary to send families there and to Establish a resident Commandant, As has just Been done In favor of Monsieur de Celoron. He will Keep them in hand and make them settle on the land he will give them to clear in consideration of the aid they receive from the King. That officer cannot go there before next spring as he Has not Yet returned from la belle riviere whither he was Sent by Monsieur de La Galissoniere.⁴⁶

Monsieur de La jonquiere will not forget to make him feel How greatly he should Be flattered by such a proof of Confidence in him, and impress upon him the attention he must devote to increase the population of that post and make the inhabitants sedentary. As regards ourselves, we can Induce only the habitants of the government of Montreal to go there by giving them the same advantages as were given the others last spring. Those of the other governments will not emigrate.

Messieurs de la Galissoniere and Bigot had arranged that the houses should Be built In Villages only, with half a League between so that the habitants may be stronger at Home and have less Fear of the savage. We even Sent Our ordinance to that effect. But Monsieur The Chevalier de Longueuil who Commanded there and who has recently returned has assured us that nobody would build on those Conditions, each One wishing to take a Concession where he can find good Soil, or an advantageous situation according to his own ideas; and that if they were hindered in this regard, Detroit would not be Settled.

We are obliged to rely on the reports of those who have lived in that country, but we will decide nothing on the subject until Monsieur de Celoron is able to look into the matter himself and Report on it to us.

Monsieur de Lajonquiere will Arrange with Monsieur Bigot the instructions to be given that officer.

⁴⁶ See his journal of that expedition, *post.*—Ed.