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Father La Richardie, Missionary of the hurons at the said post,⁴⁷ has asked as urgently as possible for help in restoring his mission that Was destroyed by the rebellious savages;⁴⁸ Messieurs de La Galissoniere and Bigot considered such restoration necessary, and The latter gave the said Missionary the 5000 livres he asked. We know that the repairs of this Mission are well advanced. One can get even the slightest amount of work done in that country only by dint of cash payments; the workmen being unwilling to Be paid in Montreal.

It would Be very desirable that habitants should be Settled at Michilimakinac with a resident Commandant to keep them there, and increase the population of the country, who would have authority over all the Northern posts; but the poor quality of the soil of that country does not permit of it.

We have The honor to Be, with profound respect, Monseigneur, Your very humble and very obedient servants,

LAIONQUIERE,
BIGOT.

QUEBEC, October 5, 1749.

⁴⁷ For a brief sketch of this missionary see *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, xvii, p. 102, and index.—Ed.

⁴⁸ The mission for the Detroit Huron (Eng., Wyandot) was established in 1728 on the east shore of the river at a site known as La Pointe de Montreal, now within the limits of Sandwich, Ontario. The establishment consisted of a church, mission house, store, and farm. During the rebellion of 1747, the buildings were considerably damaged, and the removal of the mission was contemplated. Father la Richardie, however, returned in 1748, and superintended the repairs here authorized. See his accounts in Thwaites, *Jesuit Relations* (Cleveland, 1896-1901), lxx; all citations in the present volume are from this edition. The church stood until the middle of the nineteenth century; part of the mission house is still occupied. Hubbard, *Memorials*, p. 134.—Ed.