

that country and is greatly beloved by those nations. This will have a good effect with regard to the trade that may be carried on there in the future. He has asked us for some canoes, And for something to be given as presents to that nation, as well as for some soldiers to guard the posts he will establish; this we have granted him.

In consequence of information we have received that the savages of the North generally pass by Toronto on the West shore of lake Ontario, 25 leagues from Niagara and 75 leagues from fort frontenac, in order to carry their furs to Chouaguen, We thought it would be very advisable to establish a post at That place and to Send there an officer, 15 soldiers and several workmen to erect a small fort of palisades.⁵⁰ This will not entail much expense because timber is abundant in the vicinity and the conveyances of the other things can be done by means of the barks of fort frontenac.⁵¹ We cannot take too many precautions to prevent the said Savages from continuing to Trade with the English, and, in order that they may find what they need at that post, as cheap as at Chouaguen, We shall allow some canoes to go there with licenses, and we shall use the money derived therefrom in giving a gratuity to the officer who is to Command there.

It is likewise advisable to order the Commandants of Detroit, Niagara And fort frontenac, to see that the merchants and store-Keepers established at those posts sell their goods for two or three years in the future, at the same prices as the English, And by this means the savages will get out of the habit of going to Chouaguen, Which will compel the English to

⁵⁰ The post at Toronto, built in 1749, was named Fort Rouillé, for the French minister of the marine. It was maintained for about ten years. In 1757 a disturbance arose among the Indians of the post, when Pouchot, the Niagara commandant, sent Captain de la Ferté and fifty men to reinforce the garrison. Remains of the foundation for this fort were visible as late as 1879, and its site in the present city of Toronto is marked by a cairn.—Ed.

⁵¹ For this fort see *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, xvii, p. 321.—Ed.