

Mississippi by the Cyoux, and This autumn another with His Slave on the Rivière des mouens by the petits ôsages. I have asked the latter for the murderer. I know not what they will decide. We are having Much trouble in our Territories. I know not what the result will be but I hope to avert everything.

I have the honor to be entirely, monsieur, Your very humble and very obedient servant.

BENOIEST DE ST. CLER.

At FORT DE CHARTRE the 11th of February, 1750.

Copy of the letter written me by Monsieur Benoists, Commandant of the Ylinois, Respecting the Conspiracies which I prevented from being carried out when I was in Command at Miamis, Extracted from My service journal, the original whereof Was Sent to the Court by Monsieur de lajonquière. [RAYMOND.]²

1750: AFFAIRS IN THE UPPER POSTS

[Letter from the French minister to La Jonquière and Bigot, dated April 15, 1750. Source, same as preceding document, but "Amérique, serie B, vol. 91, fol. 16."]

VERSAILLES, April 15, 1750.

MESSIEURS—I have received your letters of the first and 9th October last with enclosed documents.

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When Monsieur de La Galissoniere undertook to have the trade of the post of la Baye carried on by means of licenses, I approved of the lease not being renewed. But it would not be surprising if it was the Sieur Marin himself who had induced the Savages to act so as to obtain such change. It is alleged that this is not the first underhand measure of the kind he has

² The above letter was appended to that of Captain Raymond of Oct. 1, 1751; see *post*. It is here placed in its proper chronological position.—ED.