

expect to put a stop to such abuses. His Majesty expressly recommends you never to neglect a single opportunity of making an example, and to report on the matter so that he himself may be able to act according to the circumstances. He has, however, approved the orders you have given to the commandants of posts to keep an accurate account of the expenses they are obliged to incur, in which they shall enter the reasons therefor.

As the Ayoüas savages were guilty of the murder of a Frenchman, you were right in ordering the Sieur de Belestre, commandant of the post of the River St. Joseph,⁴ not to accept their submission until they have given up the murderers.

His Majesty also approves of your having told the commandant of la Baye to urge the Sakis, Renards, and Folles avoines to go to Montreal for their presents, according to custom. It is to be hoped that they have decided to undertake that journey, and that you have succeeded in inducing them themselves to avenge the attack made by some Sauteurs on the Sieur de Vercheres.⁵

His Majesty also has great hopes that the Sieur de Celoron was able to carry out with his detachment the views that had led Monsieur de La Galissonière to order his march, and above all that he has succeeded in driving away from the Belle Rivière the English who were trading in that region and the savages who had attracted them thither.

With reference to the various underhand dealings you learned were to be carried on by Iroquois of the Sault and of the Lake to increase the foreign trade, you did right in notifying those savages that all who should take part in it would be driven away from their villages; and, in fact, there does not seem to have been any better way to restrain them. You will be pleased to report to me all that has occurred.

⁴ For a brief sketch of this officer, see *Ibid.*, p. 459; for a more detailed account by C. M. Burton, consult *Mich. Pion. and Hist. Colls.*, xxxiv, pp. 336-340.—Ed.

⁵ For this officer see *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, xvii, p. 274.—Ed.