

His post without a Word and quicker than he left it. What then Became of his Credit and Experience? They Served only to Put The evil beyond Remedy; and yet there was one. Were his and Monsieur de Celoron's eyes so closed, or had they so little Knowledge, as not to perceive it And not to see what was to be done: he would not Say to make the Revolted Miamis Come back—which might however happen—but he would Say to Protect the Ouabache River and make its Navigation and Trade safe for the voyageurs and secure the safety of The posts of Miamis and ouyatanons and of Those higher up. Otherwise they would be threatened with destruction in the near future and communications would be closed for most of the Nations who would cause trouble of all kinds and go to the English for Their Supplies. All these means are so well known to Him [de Raymond] that, notwithstanding The injustice Done him in Relieving him from the Miamis post, he would have Thrown Light on the subject. It would not, however, have Been Received, but would have Been set aside by persons who display more ability in looking after their own interests than they do Knowledge for the Good of the service in the Upper country. The Disinterestedness he manifested in the Service, his assiduity in the performance of his duties, and the Great Economy he effected for the King in the Various Commands Confided to him, The orders regarding which are hereto annexed, lead Him to Hope that he will obtain from your justice, Monseigneur, The Commission of Major Commanding the post of Michilimaquiac, and, to Save the King's moneys, The Licenses of the Canoes going to that post, as his remuneration. If your Grace cannot grant him That Favor, he would most humbly Beg you to grant him for six years the Command of the post of la Baye with its Dependencies and Boundaries, as granted to the Sieur Marin who now holds it, Without The King being bound to give him any Remuneration beyond The Liberty to Exploit the same as he may deem most Advisable by means of persons whom he would know to be most honest in supplying the Needs of the Savages of that