



Edge of Empire: Documents of Michilimackinac, 1671-1716 (Hardback)

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Michigan State University Press, United States, 2009. Hardback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. Few places were as important in the seventeenth-century European colonial New World as the pays d'en haut. This term means upper country and refers to the western Great Lakes (Huron, Michigan, and Superior) and the areas immediately north, south, and west of them. The region was significant because of its large Native American population, because it had an extensive riverine system needed for beaver populations essential to the fur trade and because it held the transportation key to westward expansion. It was vital to the French, who controlled the region, to be on good terms with its peoples. To maintain good relations through trade and diplomacy with the nations in the pays d'en haut, the French built a number of posts, including one at Michilimackinac and one on the St. Joseph River (near Niles, Michigan). These posts were garrisoned by French troops and run by French commanders who contracted with merchants to manage business matters. Edge of Empire provides both an overview and an intensely detailed look at Michilimackinac at a very specific period of history. While the introduction offers an overview of the...



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