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MEMOIR CONCERNING THE PEACE MADE BY MONSIEUR DE LIGNERY WITH THE CHIEFS OF THE FOXES (RENARDS), SAUKS (SAKIS), AND WINNEBAGOES (PUANTS A LA BAIE), JUNE 7, 1726

To make the peace which has been effected by M. De Lignery with the Foxes of the Bay, and the Puants (Winnebagoes), of the the 7th of June last, certain and stable, it is thought proper to grant to Ouchata, the principal chief of the Foxes, his particular request to have a French officer in the country, which will, he says, aid him in restraining his young men from bad thoughts and actions.

We think, moreover, that it will be necessary that the commandant at La Pointe, *Chegiomegon* (Lake Superior), should for his part labor to withdraw the Sioux from an alliance with the Foxes, to detach them by presents, and allow them to hope for a missionary and other Frenchmen as they have desired.

The same thing should be written to the officer commanding at the post of Detroit, and at the river St. Josephs, in order that the nations adjacent to those parts, may be detached from the Foxes, and that those officers, in case of war, have a care that the way shall be stopped, and the Foxes prevented from seeking an asylum with the Iroquois, or in any other nations, where they may secrete themselves.

Monsieur De Siette, who now commands in the Illinois country in place of M. De Boisbriante, has written to M. De Lignery, that the Foxes are afraid of treachery, and that the surer mode of securing our object, is to destroy and exterminate them. That he has made the same proposition to the Council General of New Orleans, and has given to the gentleman, who are Directors of the Company of the Indies, the same opinion.

We agree that this would be the best expedient, but must maintain that nothing can be more dangerous or more preju-