

dicial to both colonies than such an enterprise, in case it should fail. It would be necessary to effect a surprise, and to keep them shut up in a fort, as in the last war; for if the Foxes escape to the Sioux, or to the Agouais, [Iowas?] they would return to destroy us in all the Upper Country, and the French of both colonies would be unable to pass from post to post, except at the risk of robbery and murder. If, however, after our efforts to cause the peace to be durable and real, the Foxes fail again in their promises, and take up the hatchet anew, it will be necessary to reduce them by armed forces of both colonies acting in concert.

In the meantime, it is proper that M. De Siette should cause to be restored to the Foxes by the Illinois, the prisoners that they may have with them, as M. De Lignery has made the Foxes promise to send to the Illinois their prisoners; and that you do not follow the example of other Commandants before you, who have thought to intimidate the Foxes, and cause them to lay down their arms by burning Fox prisoners that fell into their hands, which has only served to irritate that people, and aroused the strongest hatred against us.

If, with these arrangements on the part of the Illinois, the Foxes can be persuaded to remain in peace from this time a year, we shall be able to have an interview with M. De Siette, at "Chicago," or at the Rock (on the Illinois), from whence to make an appointment for the chiefs of the Illinois nation and of the Bay, (Green Bay,) where they can agree upon the numbers of French and of Indians, on the part of the Illinois and on the part of Canada, who shall meet at a fort to be built at an agreed place designed for the meeting.

After this, the treaty of peace with the Foxes and their allies, can be renewed, and the following summer we can cause Ouchata, and the war-chiefs of the Foxes, with a train of their allies, the Puants, Sauks, Kickapoos, Maskoutens and Sioux, to descend the lake to Montreal, where we can enquire of them their disposition and intentions, and also learn the desires of the King from France.