

will [influence the] Sioux or [a word not readable], and will array all the Upper nations against us.

The French of either colony cannot pass from post to post but at the risk of robbery and murder, and thus they will acquire all they want.

However, if they fail to keep their word, it will certainly be necessary to take the severest course, and reduce them by force of arms.

Conjointly with the nations of the two colonies, they are now well convinced that nothing will fail of what Ouchita and the other chiefs have spoken to their young men, when they said, "we still hold the French by the hand, but if they escape us we are ruined."

It is well to take measures on this side, of which I am about to inform the General. On your part, Monsieur, if your people have made any prisoners, send them back to the Foxes, as I have told the latter to do with theirs, if their young men bring any in from your country.

If all goes well here for a year, I think it will be necessary to have an interview at "*Chikagau*," or at the Rock, with you and your Illinois, and the nations of the Bay. We will indicate to them the time of the meeting, where it will probably be necessary to make a fort, and to fix the number of the French and of the Indians who are to be at the spot. These are my thoughts. Do me the honor to give me yours. If my health will allow, I shall go there with pleasure, and if it shall thus happen, it will give me great joy to see you.

I hope, Monsieur, that being well informed of affairs, you will guard the prisoners, which is what Monsieur De Visseri did not do, (and which is practiced among us,) having directed me that inasmuch as he was authorized to entrap them, he would burn them. This they testified to me two years ago, and also their feelings of resentment. Also that a chief had given some of them to the French, who had burnt them