

Sieur De La Noire, and although I might have sent the Sieur Duplessiz Tobert, a Lieutenant of the troops of this garrison, whom the Marquis De Vaudreuil, before his death, had named to depart for the Bay, and relieve the Sieur Amoriton, I informed the Sieur De La Noire to make preparations to ascend the Lakes.

He replied that he was ready to do so, but at the same time represented that it was now the end of June, and the season too far advanced to hope to find the savages at the Bay where the Sieur De Lignery was. That the latter had still much time to labor towards effecting the peace under the orders he had received the autumn previous from M. De Vaudreuil. To make peace between the Foxes and the Illinois, nothing could be done without meeting the Indians—and those assembled by M. De Lignery had already dispersed to their homes.

He replied that he would go up in the coming spring; which reasons determined me to consent that the M. De La Noire might remain. Besides, the Sieur Amoriton being relieved agreeably to the intentions of his Majesty, and the Sieur De Lignery being at the Bay, to advance the peace, I have thought you would not disapprove my having suspended the execution of what you have done me the honor to direct on this subject, until a new order, when the Monsieur De Beauharnois shall have arrived, and it will then be for them to decide thereupon, in anticipation of your orders.

I am just informed by letters from M. De Lignery, brought by the interpreter he took with him to the Bay, that he assembled the chiefs of the Sauks, Puants and Foxes, on the 7th of June last, and told them, from the King, that they must not raise the war clubs against the Illinois, or they would have reason to repent it. He added that he was satisfied with the answer of the chiefs, whom he was well persuaded had spoken sincerely, and that he had reason to hope that the peace would be stable and solid. I have the honor to