

send you a copy of M. De Lignery's speech to the chiefs, with the reply they made, by which you will perceive that affairs at the Bay are in a situation which promise tranquillity. We have reason to hope, from the wisdom and intelligence of the Sieur Duplessiz Tobert, that he will complete the work M. De Lignery has began.

I annex to the letter of M. De Lignery, one which he wrote to M. De Siette, commanding with the Illinois.

In the beginning of this month, I received a letter from Sieur De Linclot, commanding at La Pointe, wherein he gives me advice from the Sauteurs (Chippeways) who are come down expressly on account of arrangements he has made to establish peace between the Sioux and the Sauteurs. He has caused the Sioux prisoners to be returned, which has put them on good terms with the Chippeways, and the Sioux have asked for a missionary. He has sent two Frenchmen to them.

I directed the Sieur De Linclot to cause the Sioux to hope that he would send French traders and goods among them if they remained at peace, and were always attentive to the wishes of their father.

In regard to the missionary they ask for, there is no difficulty in sending them one, provided this will be the means of promoting a separation of them from the interests of the Foxes. Sieur De Linclot has informed me at the same time, of an affair that has occurred between the Chippeways and the Foxes.

It is the principal subject of his letter, and of the voyage which the Chippeway chiefs gladly made here, to give me an account of the affair themselves, and to consult me as to what should be done.

They were struck by the Foxes on the 20th of June last, and one man and one woman killed, with five wounded. The Chippeways being put on the defense, have killed one Fox, and they have wounded three. But they do not appear content,