

nois, in which there have been many French killed. His intention was to make it a brilliant affair, to hold all nations in respect, and to bring against the Foxes this year the French and the domiciled Indians who had been directed for the expedition to Choueguen. It being necessary to keep this a secret, he has only told the Indians and the [not legible—perhaps Canadians] that he counted upon them for this year, and pretended that the season was too far advanced for the expedition to Choueguen.

The project of a war has been approved by M. De Longueil and the other officers assembled, so much more readily, as it appeared by the letter from Court of the preceding year, that they had nothing so much at heart as the destruction of the savages whom the presents and good treatment of the French had not been sufficient to keep at peace.

They were not ignorant of the intelligence which the Foxes have had with the Iroquois, in order to secure a retreat through that country, in case they should be obliged to abandon their villages. They already had an assurance of a passage into the country of the Sioux of the Prairies, their allies, in such a manner that if they had known of our design of making war, it would have been easy to have withdrawn in that direction before we could block up the way, and attack them in their towns.

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NOTE.—The above extracts are made by the transcriber at Paris, with the documents before him, and not here. What place is meant by Choueguen, I cannot say. This finishes that portion of the manuscripts procured by Gen. Cass, that relate particularly to the Sauks and Foxes. In them there are expressions which I am not sure I have read correctly owing to the rapid and flourishing style of the copyist, and others, where the meaning is ambiguous to me. I have made the translation more literal than elegant, the whole object being to secure reliable facts for history. The other papers relate to the North-Western Indians in general, and to the Post at Detroit. C. W.

*Eagle River, Lake Superior, December 20, 1855.*

[Additional Note.]

Choueguen was the name by which the French called Oswego river, and the English settlement made at its mouth, on the Southern shore of Lake Ontario, in December, 1724. A stone house, with loop-holes, was erected in 1727, designed as a garrison for an officer and twenty men;