

I assembled all the Traders and made them help cover up this so called shameful death after Sieur Louis Reaume had in a feeble way redeemed this murder.

I aided also in this result more than any other because the aforesaid good intentioned relation [Reaume] had descended from Montreal and had waited at the prairie until I arrived there to talk war with me and would have succeeded if the brandy trade had not proved too strong for the Indian mind — except the Scioux who have served me and all the whites as safeguards.

Such a confusion was hard to put down among Indians who charged the whites with wish to destroy them by Drink and by war, that [which] turned a large part of the Sakies and renards from going down, speaking very badly and without reserve, arising from a Sakie of the river la Roche named la main Cassée that came from the Mississippi to fall upon any passer that might come to the prairie or even going himself to enter wherever he could catch a glimpse saying that no nation of his color was able to resist him and that he wanted to help the Whites to know it (as well as [that] we were wishing to destroy the idea of our [then?] superiors [superiority?]) so as to make them know what the White skin was.)

8th. I found when I got up, 3 or 4 feet from my tent, le soichihone great chief of the Sakies of siskoinsin, little by little people awoke and these men began to search for him. I resisted it, he had no wound nor not one bruise but he was purple and foamed at the mouth, two Days ago he was Drinking and we all supposed that Drink had killed him, but the Indians unceasingly charged the Whites with having killed him, which awakened the affair of S^r Louis Reaume which was only half quieted, I was obliged to lead away my Scioux our guard and to keep ourselves hidden.

There came more news that S^r Alexis Reaume his brother

to appoint "an assistant for the upper part of the Mississippi, near the Dog Plains" (Prairie du Chien). See *Calendar Va. State Papers*, i., p. 325. Linctot was at first appointed captain, but later became a major (*ibid.*, p. 428). Of all the French adherents to the American cause, in the West, he was one of the most active.— ED.