

After these men had finished [*mendircent autant que le Renard*] and sent me away till the Next day, they consulted the rest of the Day at their ease.

(These frenchmen whom I mention are married [among the Indians] and have their trade) there are others who told me they would descend with me.

The Sakies came to tell me to go and await them at the portage of the Siskoinsin¹ that they and their brothers the renards would come to me there, I set out straightway after leaving them again the loving words of their father to calm their heart and give courage, repeating to them that their father awaited them only to see them.

26th. Stopped at the Village of Nibakoa, village of every nation [several nations] and performed there same Sermonie as usual, they informed me that the renards and Sakies were considering making war upon the Sauteux and that Many of them did not go down to Montreal (a part of this Village is composed of Sauteux.)

They accepted belts Tomahawk and presents and conducted things very well, they told me they would come to me at the portage of the Siskoinsin.

27th, arrived at the portage with my Scioux and the folles-avoines and did my carrying.

29th, I sent a runner to see if the renards and Sakies were coming, the puants of the River la Roche came to join me there.

30th, the Season was advancing too far, which made me leave and I continued to Write back all along the road as far as the great Village of the puants of the Lake² which was the strongest one.

in the attack on St. Louis, Calvé seemed to Sinclair to be working in the American interest. On account of his supposed treachery, and that of Jean Marie Ducharme and other traders in the Sac country, Sinclair calls the expedition "a sham attack." July 30, 1780, Sinclair writes to De Peyster (*Mich. Pion. Coll.*, ix, p. 586) that "The attack upon the Illinois miscarried from the treachery of Calvé and Ducharme," etc. Cf. Scharf's *Hist. St. Louis*, pp. 206, 207; and Reynolds's *Pion. Hist. Illinois* (ed. 1887), pp. 123, 124.—ED.

¹ Wisconsin river.—ED.

² At Winnebago rapids, now Neenah, Wis.—ED.