

from there, taken by ambush from the Sacques<sup>1</sup> you know this, having had information through la Torteux of what was taking place, he was one of my war chiefs. I expect the Puants are going to see you, if Carminis<sup>2</sup> lays himself out before [about] me I hope you will blow His head off, he did all he could to stop the young Puants, I told Quindinaque that you want to see him to speak to and he promised me that he would come and I withdrew [from him] a Bostonnais Commission which I send you in the letter that I have the honor to write you.

You know that a man named Aungnou killed a Renard woman and he was killed for his crime by the Renards. I hope in a short time to have the honor of giving you an account of my mission and informing you more fully of these rascally tribes. Permit me Monsieur to assure Madame of my regards. I am with profound respect,

Your most humble and most obedient servant,

C. GAUTIER.

De la Baye 19<sup>th</sup> April 1779.

Indorsed: "Copy of a letter from Mr. Gautier to Major Depeyster. Received 30<sup>th</sup> May, '79 inclosed in the Major's letter of the 13<sup>th</sup> May 1779."

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DE PEYSTER TO HALDIMAND.

MICHILIMAKINAC 13<sup>th</sup> May 1779.

SIR,—I did myself the honor to write to your Excellency on the 2<sup>nd</sup> instant a copy of which Letter I now enclose.

The Chippewas of the Island of Michilimakinac arived here the 8<sup>th</sup> from the Grand River and reports that the Ottawas and Grand River Traders are on their way they declare that the news of the Virginians building boats on the Lake Mitchig [Michigan] was the invention of some evil minded Indians and that neither themselves nor the Ottawas would listen to the Rebels belt.

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<sup>1</sup> "Pours lors il falut relacher le 7 de la, raporte a l'embuche des Sacques."—Tr.

<sup>2</sup> One of the Karrymaunees, a line of chiefs long famous among the Winnebagoes.—Ed.