

ready and our heart better than others of his children who left the great Village quite happy. My Father, we ask for the Interpreter of the Renards and his brother Nisonaquasit to stay with us.

The chief of the Renards answered at this last request:— My Father, our Interpreter who is always with us stays with us and no other. I hope my father will not take him away.

Kariminu¹ chief of the Puants, speaks:— My Father, and Kinsmen the Renards, Sacques, Scieux, and Folles avoines, you tell the truth, we are a foolish nation and it is I who am deserving of pity. The tree I hope is not much in the road, the bad men who put the tree there have given themselves up to us. I send them to my Father.

La Jeunesse, Folles avoine, speaks:— My Father, my Kinsmen the Renards, Sacques &c, speak well. I have no other Word than theirs. I am charmed to see my English Father.

Indorsed: "Council held between the Renards, Sacques, Scieux, Puants and Folles avoines at Prairie du Chien the 24th May 1783."

CADOTT² TO GAUTIER.

[Translated from the French by Grace Clark.]

SAULT ST. MARIE June 16, 1783.

MONSIEUR AND FRIEND,— As I am on the point of setting out I write you only a few words to acquaint you with the news from Lake Superior.

All the Indians from fond du Lac, rainy Lake, Sandy lake, and surrounding places are dead from smallpox.

I am Monsieur your servant and friend

CADOTT.

Addressed: "To Monsieur Gautier, King's interpreter, at Mackynac."

Indorsed: "Letter from Cadot to M. Gautier dated Sault St. Marie 16th June, 83."

¹ Karrymaunee.— Ed.

² Jean Baptiste Cadott, of Sault Ste. Marie, who traded to La Pointe, in Chequamogon bay, and other stations on the south shore of Lake Superior. See Sinclair's letter to Brehm, *ante*, p. 145; also various citations in *Wis. Hist. Coll.* and vol. ix. of *Mich. Pion. Coll.*— Ed.