

times as their Brothers. Given under my hand & seal at Fort Bowman in Kahos this 28th day of August 1778.

G. R. CLARK.

(Seal.)¹

Indorsed: "Commission donnée par les Rebelles au Chef des Renards envoyé par Gautier au Major de Peyster. Reçu avec sa lettre du 13 May-le 30-1779."²

HAMILTON TO HALDIMAND.

CAMP AT PETITE RIVIERE NOV^r 1st '78.

SIR,—I have the honor to acquaint your Excellency that I have sent off from this place 22 Voitures³ with Provisions, Stores, &c. under the command of Lieut^r Du Vernet⁴ a very active & intelligent officer, who has my orders to encamp at the Forks of the Ouabash till my arrival or further orders.

I this day purpose setting off with 7 Boats loaded, & take along with me the Ottawas & Chippaways in all 72. Four, the first chiefs of the Miamis Nation have joined me with 30 Warriors.

Mr. Chevalier came to the Miamis town with a chief & 14 of the Pouteouattamies of St. Joseph,⁵ this & his future behaviour may efface his former misbehaviour.

¹The seal bears a lion rampant with star and crescent; the field marked for gules.—COPYIST.

²See *ante*, p. 127.—ED.

³Wagons.—ED.

⁴Henry du Vernet, 2d lieutenant of artillery, in charge of stores and transportation upon Hamilton's expedition from Detroit to Vincennes. See his reports, *Mich. Pion. Coll.*, ix., p. 409.—ED.

⁵Relative to the location of St. Joseph's, see *ante*, p. 115, note 2. De Peyster, in his *Miscellanies*, p. 24, note 3, says it was "At the head of the river of that name, where the Pottawattamies have a fort and large settlement." He also says, in a letter to Haldimand of Aug. 15, 1778, speaking of Louis Chevalier, the principal trader at St. Joseph, (*Mich. Pion. Coll.*, ix., p. 368), "He [Chevalier] holds the pass to Detroit and can also give the first intelligence of the enemy's motion on the Wabash," clearly describing the portage, or pass, between the St. Josephs and the Kankakee rivers. Consult Thomas Hutchins's *Map of the Western Part of Virginia*, etc. (1778). Fort Miami, built by La Salle in 1679, was, according to Hennepin, "just at the mouth of the river Miami,"—afterward, about 1703, styled St. Josephs river. But this fort was destroyed by La Salle's men in 1680. Father Jean Mermet, then at the river mouth, writes La Mothe Cadillac, April 19, 1702, that he proposes to establish a mission "three journeys," or