

were among them any sufficiently perverse to follow the example of those who have in the past assassinated us at Lake Superior and in Misçigané, who should do the same, I was to separate the innocent from the guilty, not wishing that the entire nation should suffer for the crime, unless it supported the criminals. I told them that they must declare themselves, in order that, if any factious spirits shared in this project regarding the Folavoine, I might learn it, and they would see that I do not fear them enough to be kept from doing my duty. They then held several councils, to which they invited me, and which tended only to exculpate the prisoner so that I might release him—all unanimously accusing Achiganaga and his children, in the belief that Sieur Péré with his detachment could not make himself master of them, and wishing to persuade me that they feared lest all the French there might be killed. I answered that, as regarded the Folavoine, I was not obliged to believe a man whom I considered as having aided to shed the blood of my brothers; that nevertheless, in view of their submission to the orders of Onontio, their Father, I would make no decision until I had more fully investigated the matter. I said, moreover, that if I did not get more convincing proofs against him than those which appeared, I would send him back to them; but that, on the contrary, if it were true that he belonged to the number of the assassins, I would consider in what manner I should dispose of him. And as for the pretended death of Sieur Péré, as well as of the other French, that did not trouble me, since I doubted whether the allies, or any one of the tribe of Achiganaga, would wish to have a war with us in order to sustain an action so infamous as this; and that I therefore felt sure that the French—as they had to attack only some murderers, or at most the men of his family—would get them, alive or dead. These are the only answers that they secured from me during the three days while their councils lasted—after which I embarked, at ten o'clock in the morning, supported only by twelve Frenchmen, to show some seditious persons, who boasted that

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English at Hudson Bay; but they sent him back to France. In 1687, he was engaged in Denonville's expedition against the Iroquois; he is mentioned, three years later, as being at La Rochelle, France.—Ed.