

they would take away the prisoner from me, that the French did not fear them.

The advices that I received daily concerning the number of savages of his own tribe whom Achiganaga was gathering at Kiaonan [Keweenaw]—under pretext, he said, of going to war this spring against the Nadouecioux, to avenge the death of one of his relatives, a son of Onenous—led me to believe that it was only to secure himself from our possible pursuit, in case we were assured that his children had killed us. This precaution left me between fear and hope regarding the expedition that *Sieur Péré* was to make—when on the 24th of November, at 10 o'clock in the evening, he came through the woods to tell me that he was bringing to me Achiganaga and four of his children. He said that they had not, indeed, all been present at the murder; but that he had thought it well to follow in this matter the maxim of the Savages, which is to seize all the relatives; and that the *Folavoine*, whom I had arrested, was the most guilty, as being the author of the evil. This obliged me to keep him close, and to prevent any one from talking to him, as he had a brother, a sister, and an uncle in the village of the *Kiscacons*.¹ *Sieur Péré* told me, finally, that he had released the youngest son of Achiganaga, aged about thirteen or fourteen years, in order to make known to those of their tribe, and to the *Sauteurs* and the *Nocké*,² who were in the neighborhood, the reason which the French had for taking away his Father and his brothers. He also told them that, if any were inclined to murmur against this, the French awaited them resolutely—for they were then in a condition to defy them, having found at Kiaonan 18 Frenchmen, who have passed the winter there. No one attempted to oppose his design.

¹The *Kiskakon Ottawas* had been evangelized by *Allouez* and *Marquette*, when at *Chequamegon Bay* (1665-70); then removing to *Michillimackinac*, they settled near the Jesuit mission there. Cf. p. 30, *note* 1, *ante*.—Ed.

²*Nouquets* (*Nocké*): an Algonquian tribe along the south shore of Lake Superior; they have given name to *Bay de Noquet*, in Delta county, Mich. By 1670 they had become merged in the *Sauteurs* (*Ojibwas*).—Ed.