

The savages who were present when Achiganaga and his children were arrested wished to dance the calumets for *Sieur Péré*, and to give him some slaves, which was only meant to patch up the assassination committed upon the French. He perceived their intention, and therefore would not allow it, telling them that a hundred slaves and a hundred packages of beaver could not make him traffic in the blood of his brothers; and that, when he had sent them to me, it would be for me to decide. I said the same thing here in the councils, so that they might not in future believe that they could save by presents those who might commit similar acts.

On the whole, *Monsieur*, *Sieur Péré* plainly shows by his conduct in the pursuit of this affair that he is not so much in the interest of the savages as has been reported; and I venture to say that I know of no one whom they fear more, who flatters them less, and who knows them better.

The criminals being in two different places, *Sieur Péré*, forced to guard four of them, detached *Messieurs de Repentigny*, and *de Manthet*, and six other Frenchmen, to go to arrest the two who were among their people eight leagues away in the woods, which order they vigorously carried out. Among others, *Messieurs de Repentigny* and *de Manthet* showed that they feared nothing where honor called them. *Sieur de la Chevrotiere* rendered very useful service, both in person and by his counsels, as he indicated the place where the criminals were; *Achiganaga*, who had adopted him as his son, had told him the place where he was to hunt during the winter. I enclose herewith, *Monsieur*, a list of those who composed the detachment; and, as I prevented them from taking along any wares, since this was not a trading expedition, I have led them to hope that, in case they should be unable to dispose of their merchandise this spring, you would be kind enough to continue them for a year, so that they may have an opportunity to do their trading.<sup>1</sup>

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ential, and public-spirited merchants of Canada. He came to Canada in 1655, and died in 1702.—Ed.

<sup>1</sup>These men were voyageurs or traders, whom *Du Luth* had induced to aid him in the capture of the Indian murderers; he asks that the governor will extend for a year the permits to trade now held by these voyageurs.—Ed.