

and prevent them from slaying us when we are dispersed to hunt for Beaver, which we are going to do. The Sun is our witness that we obey thee."

Quiet was restored by the good management of *Sieur Perrot*, who returned to his establishment. He related to the *Maskoutechs*, who came to meet him, all that he had accomplished among the *Nadouaissioux* in favor of them and their Allies; and compelled them to settle, with the *Kikabous*, at a place two days' journey from him near a *Miami* village—in order that, if the *Nadouaissioux* should happen to break their promise, these tribes might be able to resist them. They sent a band of forty warriors against the *Iroquois*, and brought back some of their scalps.

The French discovered the Mine of lead, which they found in great abundance; but it was difficult to obtain the ore, since the mine lies between two masses of rock—which can, however, be cut away. The ore is almost free from impurities, and melts easily; it diminishes by a half, when placed over the fire, but, if put into a furnace, the slag would be only one-fourth.

The *Outaouaks*, seeing that all was quiet among the tribes of the South, rightly judged that now they could easily carry fire and sword among those peoples. The Alliance which they desired to contract with the *Iroquois* continually possessed their minds; and however great the ascendancy that the *Jesuits* had gained over them, or the skill with which *Monsieur de Louvigni* managed them, in order to keep them in submission to *Monsieur de Frontenac's* orders, nothing could prevail over their caprice. They left *Michilimakinak*, to the number of three hundred, and formed two war-Parties; one was to join the *Isliinois* against the *Ozages* and the *Kanças*,<sup>1</sup> and the other was to disperse into the country of the *Nadouaissioux*. Their course of conduct could only be very detrimental to the interests of the French Colony, which would thus be prevented from receiving general aid from all the Southern tribes against the *Iroquois*. When they had arrived at the *Bay des Puans*, they could not refrain

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<sup>1</sup>The *Ozages* and *Kansas*, *Siouan* tribes, formerly located on the rivers thus named. See *Dorsey's "Migrations of Siouan Tribes,"* in *Amer. Naturalist*, xx, pp. 211-222.—Ed.