

and Miamis of Maramek.<sup>1</sup> This was on the 14th of August, and the following is the substance of the news the Count [Frontenac] received by them in a letter from Sieur Delamotte, and from the reports of Perrot and the Frenchmen who came down with him.

*News from the Outawais.*

The Outagamis have spared the lives of the Iroquois prisoners that had been presented by the Wawaiation<sup>2</sup> of Chégagou [Chicago] in the Spring, with the intention of employing them, in return, in negotiating with the enemy. The apprehension that the Cioux, who have mustered some two or three thousand warriors for the purpose, would come in large numbers to seize their Village, has caused the Outagamis to quit their country and to disperse themselves for a season, and afterwards to return to save their harvest. They are, then, to retire towards the river Wabache, to form a settlement there—so much the more permanent as they will be removed from the incursions of the Ciou, and in a position to effect a junction easily with the Iroquois and the English, without the French being able to prevent it. Should this project be realized, it is very apparent that the Mascoutin and the Kekapou would be of the party, and that the three Tribes, forming a new village of fourteen or fifteen hundred men, would experience no difficulty in considerably increasing it, by attracting other nations thither, which would be of most pernicious consequence. But we have every reason to hope that the efficient orders issued by the Count, and the care that Sieur Delamotte will take to execute them, will dispel all these fogs. He will not possibly effect this object with as much facility as he broke up a party of Hurons who were on the point of embarking on a war expedition against the Cioux; for with a Belt<sup>3</sup> and a few words, full indeed of energy, he had the good fortune to dispel this storm at the first conference.

<sup>1</sup>Marameg (Maramek): the early name of the Kalamazoo river, which discharges its waters into Lake Michigan, in Allegan county, Mich.—Ed.

<sup>2</sup>Ouiantanons: see p. 152, *ante*, *note*.—Ed.

<sup>3</sup>Of wampum beads—the English phrase which corresponds to the French “collar of porcelain.”—Ed.