

ois of Missilimaquina here on the second of September. This has obliged M. de Beauharnois and me, in view of the antipathy of those Indians to that post, to consent to the return of Father Marest to his mission. The same reasons have induced us also to send Sieur de Menthet thither, and I can assure you that in the present conjuncture there is scarcely any one in that country possessing more influence than he over the Indians and French above there. We shall transmit him, next spring, the amnesty his Majesty has been pleased to accord to the French inhabiting the Outtaois country, who are only awaiting that, to return. Some of them even came down this summer to the first French settlements of this country, but seeing that there was yet no security for them, they adopted the resolution to go back.—*N. Y. Colon. Docs.*, ix, pp. 743, 744.

1703: CONFERENCE OF INDIAN ENVOYS WITH GOVERNOR
DE VAUDREUIL.

*Speeches of the Outaouaes of Misilimakinac, 27 September,
1703.*¹

1. They are come to bewail Sieur de Callières' death and to cover his corpse, though they be poor.

[A token of good friendship.]

2. They are instructed by their chiefs to say to the Governor that they wish to die in their villages; notwithstanding all that can be said to engage them to remove, they will not quit their village which they have just put up anew; therefore, whatever

¹These are the speeches referred to in the preceding document, which was accompanied by a report of the conference between De Vaudreuil and the Indian envoys. From that report we select such part as relates to the Northwestern tribes. The matter in bracketed Roman small type comprises the notes made on the original document, before dispatching it to France, probably by the intendant; that in Italic type, memoranda written on the margin by the French Minister.—Eb.