

1710: DISTURBANCES AMONG INDIANS; MICHILLIMACKINAC  
SHOULD BE REOCCUPIED.

[Extract from letter of Governor de Vaudreuil to Count de Pontchartrain; dated Oct. 31, 1710.]

M. d'Argenteuil having arrived at Montreal, My Lord, on the twenty-ninth of July, and with him the Outtauois and other Indians of those parts, I annex hereunto copy of what these Indians said to me and of my answers.

The Onnontagués and Senecas having, in like manner arrived at Montreal whilst the Ottawaouis were there, I annex likewise the words of these Indians and my answers.

You will remark, My Lord, by what these Indians have stated, their resolution not to take up the hatchet against us in favor of the English, and ours not to attack these Indians in case the war continue. You will also, see the complaints they presented me against the Poutouatamis on account of an insult offered in that Village to two of their people, whose ears a man had cut off after they had been made prisoners. What is unfortunate is, that during the sojourn of these Iroquois deputies at Montreal for the purpose of amicably transacting business, two more of their men have been killed, about thirty or forty leagues from Fort Frontenac, by the band of Pascoué an Indian of the Sault tribe, but who has been some years separated from his Nation.

This news having been conveyed to Fort Frontenac by some Mississagués, on the same day the Iroquois arrived there on their return from Montreal, a grand council was held between these Indians and the Mississagués, and the latter having given two large calumets and other presents to cover the dead, they asked the Iroquois whether they were safe, and if they could, after this blow, remain undisturbed and without risk in the place where they have laid out their fields of Indian corn, which is about twelve or fifteen leagues above the spot where these two men have been killed. The Iroquois answered, that it was not they whom they had to fear, though they were the aggrieved party; that their hatchet was in the hands of their