

common Father at Montreal, and that they had reason to hope that I would cause justice to be done them.

This affair, My Lord, is so much the more delicate, as, in order to render suitable justice to the Iroquois, it would be necessary to surrender those who struck the blow to them; and this is not easy, as there is no one in the Upper Country capable of inducing the Indians of the Lakes to deliver up these murderers to me. To put the hatchet into the hands of the Iroquois, in order to avenge themselves, is the no less dangerous to us; for they will strike indifferently all they will meet on their way, whether Indians of the Sault, Outtaouis or others. Such is their custom, and if they be asked, after the Indian fashion, "Who is it that killed us?" They will say, publicly, "Tis Onnontio," which is tantamount to saying, "Onnontio wages war against us." To obviate that, and to gain time until I might find means to arrange this matter, I have sent Sieur de la Chauvignerie to Fort Frontenac, to cover these two dead on my behalf; and I have given him orders to proceed afterwards to Onnontagué to express to the entire Village the great pain this affair has caused me, and that I am really thinking to have satisfaction made them; that they must have patience until spring, when I will send to Missilimakina in order to induce those of the Lakes to keep their promise to me, and to unite with me in causing the surrender of the murderers.

I flatter myself, My Lord, that M. Raudot, who is going [to France], will cause you to understand how important it is to have a Commandant with some soldiers and a certain number of voyageurs at Michilimakina, in order to keep all the Indians under control, and to prevent them, at the same time, doing anything that may be prejudicial to us—as well as to make them declare in our favor should the Iroquois happen to be obstreperous. The Memoir which we have the honor to transmit to you on this subject, with our joint letter, will explain to you, My Lord, all that I could represent to you here.

We have the honor to propose to you, in the same letter, Sieurs de Louvigny and de Lignery to go together to Michilimakinac; Sieur de Louvigny as chief Commandant, and Sieur