

Among them was a principal chief, whose head was brought to me, with the heads of three others. This was done out of resentment, because the last winter they had taken prisoners some of the Hurons and the Iroquois; besides, they considered him a true Ottagamie. I believe that if Mr. De Vincennes had not been at the mouth of the Maumee at the time, the Kickapoos would have killed the two Hurons and the Iroquois. There was every probability of it. Those same Indians took prisoner also, Langlois, who was on his return from the Miami country, and who had many letters from the Rev. Fathers, the Jesuits of the Illinois villages. All these letters have been destroyed, which circumstance has given me much uneasiness, as I am sure, Sir, there were some for you from Louisiana. They dismissed him, after robbing him of his peltry, charging him to return and tell them the news; but he had no more desire to do that, than I had to permit him. However, the Ottawas might safely send there, because the Kickapoos have among them one of their women, with her children. I will endeavor to prevail upon the Ottawas and the Hurons to accommodate their difficulties with the Kickapoos, in order that our repose may not be troubled here.

The different nations have returned peaceably, with all their slaves. Saguina has abandoned his village, and gone to Michilimacinac. The Potawatamies abandoned also theirs, and will either come here or go to the Illinois. More than half of the Ottawas, of this place, will repair to Michilimacinac. The Chippeways and Mississiguas will go to Topicanich. They have not at all been disposed to make any satisfaction to the Miamis, for the murder of the last year, with Mr. De Tonty. The Miamis are very urgent upon this subject. I spare no trouble to induce them to be patient, and also to persuade them, that I am laboring earnestly for their interest.

I have the honor to inform you, Sir, that I accomplished a measure the last year that Mr. De Lamothe never could effect, during all the time he was here; which was to compel the Ottawas to make a solid peace with the Miamis, and to engage them to visit the latter, which, till now, they never would do. I succeeded very happily in the object, the Miamis having received