

sixty women, and more than a hundred children of the Mascoutins, who are reported to have been killed near the great river.¹ I only give the report of others. Sakima is going to Montreal; he and Makisabe, a Pottawatomie, who is also going down from Detroit, were the chiefs principally concerned; they will give you their own account of affairs.

Although the number of the dead is very great, the Fox nation is not destroyed. There still remain a great number of them near the [Green] Bay—some say there are two hundred warriors, besides those who have gone to the Iroquois. Their brothers, the Kickapoos, to whose villages ten families of the Mascoutins have retired, have more than a hundred good warriors; the Sacs, eighty men, boatmen; the Puans, sixty brave men, also boatmen. If these all unite, as is natural, they may yet excite terror, especially here. They would indeed be truly formidable, because so many of them are boatmen. Michilimackinac would no longer be a place of safety, as hitherto. It is not far from this post to the Bay, and the savages could come here both by land and water, and not only the savages, but the French,² who were the first movers in this war, having joined with the Outawas to destroy the Foxes. We believe, however, that the Foxes at the Bay, having heard of the attack upon those at Detroit, will flee; and it is not difficult to believe that the Sacs and Puans will take the part of the Foxes against the French and Outawas; but these are only conjectures. It is certain that, in this region, there will always be cause to fear an attack, either from the savages at Detroit or at the Bay, or from the Illinois. The French, if they go, as is their custom—two men alone in a boat to make the tour of the lakes—will always be in danger; for the Foxes, Kickapoos, and Mascoutins are found everywhere, and they are a people without pity and without reason.

If this country ever needs M. Louvigny, it is now; the savages say it is absolutely necessary that he should come for the

¹ Apparently a mistake in translation; reference is probably made to the Grand river of Michigan, flowing into Lake Michigan.—Ed.

² It is difficult to understand the meaning of this sentence, if taken literally; there is probably some error of omission in the transcript from the original.—Ed.