

We can not better succeed in this enterprise than by obliging the French, to whom licenses are granted to come at an appointed time to Michilimaquina, which will be the gathering-point both for the French and the savages to make war on the Renards. We can also oblige each one of those to whom a license is granted to furnish, before departing, 50 lbs. of powder and 100 lbs. of bullets to the warehouse at Montreal. The latter will furnish to his Majesty the munitions of war necessary for this enterprise, which can thus be executed without expense to his Majesty, since those holding these licenses will go at their own expense. They indemnify themselves therefor by trading the merchandise they carry with them, which they can do as soon as the Enterprise against the Renards is accomplished.

To increase the number of the French in this expedition, it appears necessary that his Majesty should be pleased to grant an amnesty to all the *coureurs de bois* (to the number of 100, more or less), on condition that they go to Michilimakina to join the other French and the savages, and make war on the Renards, under the command of the officers charged with this expedition. This reason, together with the conjuncture of the peace, appears very reasonable for the granting of this amnesty, and it is moreover for the good of the Colony to make them return thither; whereas, if His Majesty does not grant them this favor, they might resolve to remain always in the upper country, and perpetuate themselves there, importing merchandise from this colony through the savages, and perhaps using them also to get some from the English. Thus those men would be lost to this country, which so urgently needs them, and those *coureurs de Bois*, no longer hoping for pardon, might abandon themselves to grievous extremities. The most natural Rendezvous for the expedition against the Renards is Michilimaquina, which is the centre and resort of all the nations.

These licenses will produce a good Effect among the nations of the upper country, on account of the great quantities of merchandise that will be carried to them; that will keep them from going to seek goods among the English, as they will find at home all that they need. They will produce at the same