

ous and have always been Enemies of the Renards—against whom they do not, however, make war, being restrained by their mutual fear, since they are only three or four days distant from each other. For this reason we cannot induce them to send detachments against the Renards until they have been united by a reliable peace; and to bring this about we have agreed to send them presents this very autumn, which will be addressed to *Sieur Desliettes* for the *Islinois*, and to *Sieur de Vincennes* for the *oyatanon miamis*. And, as those two nations seem to desire peace, it is believed that it will not be difficult for *Sieurs Desliettes* and *de vincennes* to reëstablish a friendly understanding between them. The presents for the *miamis* will be sent to *detroit* to *Sieur de La forest*, who will deliver them to *Sieur de vincennes* without expense; and the presents for the *Islinois* will be sent to *Michilimakina* to *Sieur de Lignery*, who in like manner will deliver them to *Sieur Desliettes*.

*Sieur de Vaudreuil* is now sending to *Michilimakina* *Sieur de St. Pierre de Repentigny*,<sup>1</sup> a Lieutenant, to carry thither the presents intended for the *Islinois*, and he will give orders to *Sieur de Lignery* to persuade the savages of *Michilimakina*, as well as those of *Lake Superior* and *Lake huron*, to make war in every possible way against the *Renards*, early in the spring, as soon as *Sieur de Louvigny* shall arrive.

*Sieur de Vaudreuil* is also despatching *Sieur Dupuy* to carry to *detroit* the presents intended for the *miamis*, and to ascertain the quantity of provisions that will be necessary for Executing the plan. Those two officers will serve for this Expedition.

The season being too far advanced for *Sieur de Louvigny* to be able to go up to *Michilimaquina* this year, with the detachment of twenty men who are to form the garrison, they will set out early in spring with powder, Bullets, and Merchandise, both for making presents to the Savages and for securing peace or war, as may seem to the purpose.

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<sup>1</sup>Reference is here made probably to *Jean Paul le Gardeur de St. Pierre*, born 1661, a grand-nephew of *Jean Nicolet*. *Le Gardeur* was long actively engaged in Indian and Northwestern affairs; the date of his death is not known.—ED.