

Since that time we have had News from orange that a mississagués Savage had reported there that five boats, in which were twelve Frenchmen (including a jesuit brother, who had left Michilimakina on Aug. 15, to go to Islinois to the mission of Father de ville, Jesuit), had been destroyed by a party of Renards near chicagou.

This new outrage leads us to judge, Monseigneur, that they are but little disposed to listen to proposals of peace, and that we shall be obliged to force them to this by arms; because, if we remain inactive, they will become more and more Insolent. They will also alienate the Savages our allies, either through fear or by the instigation of the English—who are attempting by every possible device to introduce themselves among the outaois nation, having sent them Collars and presents by a certain Itacougik, a mississagua savage, sent as their Emissary to induce them to act according to their intentions. This led Sieurs Ramezay and Begon to take all the measures necessary for the execution of the project Explained in the joint letter of Sept. 20; and they will have the honor of reporting to you on the outcome of this enterprise, to which they will give their whole attention.

Monsieur de la forest, the captain Commanding at the fort of detroit, died on the 16th of last month, and Monsieur de Sabrevois¹ will replace him, according to your orders; but he can not set out until next spring, which will occasion no difficulty, as Sieur Dubuisson, a captain, is there at present.

[Extracts from letters of Ramezay and Bégon to the French Minister; dated Sept. 13 and 16, 1715. Source, same as that of preceding document, but vol. 35, c. 11, fol. 3, 71.]

The news which was brought last year from orange to Montreal that 12 Frenchmen, including a Jesuit brother, who had set out in five boats from Michilimakina, on August 15 of said year, to go to Islinois, to the mission of Father de Ville, a

¹Jacques Charles de Sabrevois de Bleury, an officer in the Canadian troops, was commandant at Detroit from 1714-17. Two of his sons were also prominent in military and Indian affairs.—ED.