

jesuit, had been cut off by a party of Renards near chicagou, did not prove to be true. But Captain Dubuisson (who has returned from Detroit, since Sieur de Sabrevois went up there) has reported to us that in the month of June last, a French boat, in which there were five men, carrying corn to Michilimakinak, was Surprised by a boat of 22 Renards, who killed these Frenchmen. The latter defended themselves bravely, killing three Renards and wounding several others. This makes us judge that they still persist in their Insolence, and that the authority of the King and the honor of the French Nation can only be reëstablished in the upper country after we have aroused ourselves to make war against the Renards, and have struck some blows that will oblige them to sue for peace.

According to the plan formed with Monsieur the marquis de vaudreuil for this war, Explained in the joint letter of Sept. 20 of last year, Monsieur de Louvigny was to go up to Michilimakina, to end this affair by making war or peace, in accordance with the exigencies of the case; but he became ill last winter, and was for that reason absolutely unable to make this expedition. This has made us resolve, Monseigneur, to charge with the execution of this project Monsieur de Lignery, the captain in command at Michilimakina, who appears to have all the necessary qualities for acquitting himself of it with Success, being of all the officers in this country the best fitted for this Expedition, with the exception of Sieur de Louvigny.

For the execution of this project Lieutenant de St. Pierre and Ensign Dupuy set out last fall—the former with the presents for the Islinois, and the latter with those for the miamis.

Sieur de St. Pierre has informed us that he was obliged to go into winter-quarters at the end of Lake Ontario, because his boatmen fell ill with measles; and he arrived at michilimakina only at the end of last May. Sieur Dupuy, not finding Sieur de la forest at detroit, where he arrived last autumn, himself carried to the miamis and oyatanons the presents destined for them. He arrived there in the month of January last and found the miamis of the babiche¹ disposed to make war on the

¹So in our transcript, made in Paris from original MS.; but probably an error of the copyist for Wabache (Wabash).—Ed.