

I have had the honor, Monseigneur, of reporting to you, by the ship "La providence," the motives which led Monsieur de Louvigny to ask for a number of Frenchmen, in order to end the enterprise against the reynards to the glory of the King. Since that time Sieur de Louvigny has presented a requisition to Monsieur begon and myself, in which he indicates that he is no longer satisfied with the three Canoes which Monsieur the Marquis de Vaudreuil and Monsieur begon had granted him for making this expedition at his own expense without any cost to the King—as you have been informed, monseigneur, by the joint letter of Messieurs de Vaudreuil and begon of September 20th last.

As Monsieur the Marquis de Vaudreuil has for a long time led the savages to expect him to go up there, Monsieur begon and I have Left him Entirely Free to make this voyage at the expense of the King; but Sieur de Louvigny, falling ill this spring, declared that he could not undertake it.

I was informed last April, monseigneur, by a letter written to me by Sieur de Vinseune, that peace had been made between the ouyatanons and miamis, and the ilinois. I have the honor of enclosing a Copy, by which you will learn, monseigneur, that in this treaty of peace the nations have agreed to combine unanimously to make war against the reynards. The ouyatanons did not agree to this until after the arrival of Sieur dupuy, who decided them to do so, according to Copy of enclosed letter which he sent me, and the speeches which he made to those savages and the answer which they made him in regard to the matter. But at the same time I learned that the corn had failed at detroit, which obliged us to have Sieur de Jonequere buy 300 minots among the yrokois, which the Soldiers I have sent to garrison Michilimakinak, the inhabitants, and the resident savages who went up for the reynards' expedition, took in their canoes to deliver to Sieur de Lignery, commanding at that post.

I have also been informed by the same mail, both by Sieur de Liette and by father de Ville, a missionary among the ilinois, that the English of the government of Carolina had formed the design of introducing themselves among those nations; and, with this end in view, have begun to build two forts.