

One is at the Mobbille river (where the late Monsieur dhiberville had had one built), which cuts off communication with the Mississippi; the other is at the mouth of the ouabache river, from which Sieur du tristené has retreated to the mississipy, with Monsieur de la Mothe. I have written to the latter, to inform him of the enterprize of the English, so that he may labor on his side, as we shall on ours, to prevent the accomplishment of their designs. They have made liberal presents to the chiefs of those savages; and Monsieur the Intendant has been advised by the Rev. father Mermet, a missionary on the mississipy river, that the governor of carolina had asked the King of England for fifteen hundred men to garrison those forts. That would utterly Ruin this colony, since, if they once set foot among the illinois and Installed themselves with their consent, they would go among all the outaouet nations, and would, in the beginning, offer so great advantages to those savages that they would attach the latter to their interests, both in trade and in war. This has induced me to confer on the subject with Monsieur the Intendant, Monsieur de Longoeuil, and the most Experienced officers of this country. We have agreed that it was necessary, for the service of His Majesty, to send the younger son of Monsieur de Longoeuil and my own eldest son into that country—both to persuade the nations to carry out their plan of making war on the reynards, and to induce them not to receive the English among them. While awaiting your orders, monseigneur, I have told Sieur sabrevois, who is in command at detroit, and my son also, that in case any English come to trade in our territories, they shall confiscate their merchandise, if they are strong enough to undertake it, and if the savages of this country give Their consent.

I have been informed by Sieur de sabrevois, who commands at fort ponchartrain at detroit, by Sieur dupuy, and by my son that they assembled the savages settled at that post, to hold a council with them. It was there agreed that my son should go to the myamis, the ouyatanons, and the illinois, to assemble all these nations at Chicagou—where there is abundant game of all sorts, and where they can easily subsist and make a place of shelter while waiting for the savages from detroit, who are to go to join them at that place.