

their Emissaries, in order to induce those tribes to act in accordance with their plans. I hope, monseigneur, to have the honor of informing you of the outcome by the last vessels leaving for France.

I have also the honor of reporting to you, monseigneur, the Messages which the hurons and poutouatamis sent to Monsieur the Marquis de Vaudreuil, supposing that he had not left for France, and the reply which I have made, in his absence; as you will see, Monseigneur, they reproach him vehemently for his inactivity during the last three years. Nearly all the savages of the Lakes and of the interior are of the same opinion.

You will also find enclosed, Monseigneur, a Copy of the orders which I have given to my son, and of the messages with which he is charged from me for the myamis, ouyatanons, and illinois, both for carrying on the war against the reynars and for preventing those nations from receiving the English among Them. I hope, monseigneur, that he will acquit himself of his duty on this occasion so as to deserve the honor of your powerful protection in behalf of his advancement.

I have given orders to Monsieur de Longoeul and to Sieur de Jonquiere to go to the yrokois, in accordance with those which I myself had received from Monsieur the Marquis de Vaudreuil. They have never appeared so haughty as they are at present; for they have been strengthened by the accession of a nation of savages who were settled near Carolina and took refuge among them, so that they now number 3000 men bearing arms. They committed last winter an act of hostility against the illinois, killing one savage of that nation, wounding another, and taking their women prisoners. This act was not a premeditated one on the part of the five yrokois nations, but was done by a party returning from the war against the testes plattes. But instead of handing over the prisoners to Monsieur de Longoeul, as is customary when a hostile act has been inadvertently committed, they dispersed them among the yrokois nations and gave up only one to Monsieur de Longouil. He sent her back to the Illinois with a collar from the Yrokois to the chiefs of that nation, by which they invite them to come and get the rest; but it is to be feared that the English may secure the captives,