

were performed for him, a thing which greatly pleases the Savages.

After writing my Letter, I have just learned, from letters brought to me by *Sieur de Bellestre*, that *Sieurs de maunoir* and *dudoncour*, from whom I had had no news since Their departure from *destroit*, had, after ten days' march on foot, reached the *miamis* of the *ouabeche*; and that on the way they had also lost by measles the *ouyatonon* chief and the three *ouabeche* chiefs, and had found no one in the village, because it had been reported that they were coming to devour the savages. They had great difficulty in reassuring the latter, but finally drew from them a promise that all those in condition to march would go to the *Rendezvous* with *Sieur de Vincenne*—to whom my son *de maunoir*, having still to travel a long way overland, sent the munitions of war, to be taken by canoes to *chicagou* on leaving that village. The measles had already attacked the savages.

*Sieurs de maunoir* and *dudoncour* were eight days in reaching the *ouyatanons*, whom they had notified of their coming, but who received them very ill, as they had learned of the death of Their chiefs, and even, after the fashion of the savages, accused the French of having killed them—saying that they were coming to mend matters with words, but that this would not satisfy them. Finally, *monseigneur*, by force of insinuation and flattery, the confidence of some was restored, and these promised to go to *chicagou* on the return of their people from the chase. They asked to have one of the officers remain with Them; this was *Sieur dudoncour*. Their request was the more readily granted as it was feared that they might not march unless an officer remained at their head. Their village was expected to contribute at least two hundred men.

*Sieur de maunoir* set out for the *Illinois* on July 24th, leaving orders to *Sieur dudoncour* to be at *chicagou* August 10th. The measles, which is pernicious to the savages, so increased among the *ouyatanons* that there were from fifteen to twenty deaths a day. Then one of their chiefs arrived, who, to prevent them from marching, said that the *yrokoi*s were going to attack Their village. They told *Sieur dudoncour* that, in place