

of the two Hundred men they had promised, they could only furnish twenty or thirty, among whom were the two principal chiefs. With this small number he set out, having himself been attacked by the fever for several days; and undertook that journey of 130 Leagues through the midst of the prairies, having only dried meat and very little water for so Long an expedition.

The savages did not dare to hunt on account of the reynards, whose trails they found leading to destroit or saganan. To complete their misfortunes, they found no one at the Rendezvous at chicagou; nor were the canoes there which they had promised to send from Michilimakinac, to inform them regarding the march against the reynards from that point. Two of the ouyatanon savages who had come with Sieur dudoncour having been attacked by the measles, the others returned to their village, so that Sieur dudoncour Remained alone with the five Frenchmen. After waiting four or five days beyond the time fixed, he set out to meet my son maunoir. The savage serving as guide went astray, so that no meeting was effected, and they went to le Rocher,¹ among the illinois.

My son maunoir, on leaving the ouyatanes, had gone to that same place. He sent bizaillon to announce him; the latter acquitted himself very well in that affair and has great influence among the Illinois—who, to the number of 200, came out two Leagues to meet my son and carried him to their village (their greatest mark of honor), to show their joy at his arrival. He only Remained there long enough to collect 450 men with whom he went to chicagou, on Aug. 17th, and was much mortified to find no one there, and to get no news from michilimakinac. He sent scouts out over thirty Leagues, both to get news and to keep the savages from getting restless. These scouts returning on the 28th, without having discovered any trail, it became impossible any long to retain them, and Sieur de maunoir was obliged to return to Le Rocher, and join Sieur dudoncour.

You will observe, monseigneur, that but for this untimely death of the myami and ouyatanon chiefs and the epidemic of

¹Le Rocher (the Rock), referring to Starved Rock (see p. 100, *ante*, note).—Ed.