

upon you in order to keep in bounds both the French and the savages.

Sieur de bellestre has informed me that, in order to reassure the minds of the ouyatanons, my son has led them to hope that Monsieur the Marquis de Vaudreuil would, in accordance with their request, send them an officer and a missionary—which seems a matter of importance, both to dissipate their fear of the Yrokois, and to maintain the peace which they have made with the Illinois.

In allowing them this officer and this missionary, they must, if possible, be persuaded to transfer Their village to Chicagou, so as to remove them 130 Leagues from the English. Sieur dupuy, who was there last winter, believes that he could succeed in this, if Monsieur the Marquis de Vaudreuil judge it expedient to inform him when he will return,¹ thus enabling Sieur dupuy to make ready for this journey.

Although I especially recommended Sieur de Dudoncour and my son to put a stop to the reported conferences between the English and the nations of the south, they make no mention of these in Their letters—either because those conferences are discontinued, or because they have postponed bringing up this matter until the difficulty with the Reynards should be settled, according to the orders which I had given them.

I have the honor to be, with very great respect, Monseigneur,
Your very humble, very obliged, and very obedient servant,

DE RAMEZAY.

¹ Vaudreuil was in France from 1714 to 1716, and Ramezay acted in his place during that time.—Ed.