

Canoe conducted by the six ablest Sergeants of the troops, in order to avoid the danger of accidents which might have occurred in sending them by the rapids with *Sieur Dechaillons*.<sup>1</sup>

He also had the bark Canoes of *Sieur Deschaillon's* convoy inspected with especial care; and if any mishap has occurred to prevent their arrival at *Michilimakinak* before the end of August (a thing of which we have as yet no information), that delay can only be imputed to bad weather or to lack of skill on the part of the Soldiers—although he had the privilege of choosing from all the troops in this country, who had been assembled for that Purpose. Besides, *Sieur Deschaillons* had three months for the voyage to *Michilimakinak*, which ordinarily requires only two months at most.

We had the honor to inform you that the sickness of *Monsieur de Louvigny*, from which he Had not yet recovered in last May, prevented him from going up to *Michilimakinak*; he is not even able to go there for the winter, but he has determined to go up next spring to try to make peace with the *Renards*. He will, without doubt, employ every means to achieve this, as it is his opinion that we can not hope for success in undertaking a war against Them.

We have communicated, *Monseigneur*, to him and to *Monsieur de Galifet* the project which *Sieur de Lignery* has Placed before *Monsieur the Marquis de Vaudreuil*, of which a copy is enclosed. He therein proposes to send up next spring to *Michilimakinak* a hundred of our settled Savages<sup>2</sup> and two hundred Frenchmen, the latter at their own expense, to join with the French and the Savages who are in the upper country, and to assemble at the island of *Manitoualin* in lake huron, to go thence to attack the *Renards* in their fort. The French em-

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<sup>1</sup>Reference is here made to the rapids in the *St. Lawrence* river above *Montreal*; navigation around them is now made possible by the *Lachine* canal, but in earlier days long and difficult portages were necessary, and travelers often met disaster in those waters.

*La Galette* was a fortified French post at or near the location of the present *Ogdensburg*, *N. Y.*—Ed.

<sup>2</sup>These were Indians (mainly *Iroquois*) from the mission colonies on the *St. Lawrence* (p. 230, note 1, ante).—Ed.