

The reëstablishment of the Old fort of the Islinois is no less necessary. *Sieur de Ramezay* will send thither *Sieur Desliettes*, who came down to *Montreal* at the same time as *Sieur de la Perriere*; and he will give him a *Sergeant* and eight soldiers, according to your orders, since he knows of no officer better fitted for this than *Sieur Desliettes*, who understands and speaks the language of the *Islinois*, with whom he has lived a long time.

It is of the greatest importance that *His Majesty* should have these posts established without delay, because if we do not hasten to oppose the enterprises of the *English*, and if they succeed in making settlements there with the consent of the *Savage nations*, it will no longer be possible to drive them out, as we are assured by the missionaries and the voyageurs who have come from that country. *Sieur Begon* has the honor of transmitting to you a copy of a letter of *Father Mermet*, missionary to the *Islinois*, dated *February 25, 1715*, in regard to this matter. *Sieur de Ramezay* also adds an *Extract* from a letter on the same subject written by *Father Marest*, missionary at *Michilimakinak*, under date of *Aug. 30 last*. He has given orders to *Sieur de Maunoir*, his son, as he had the honor of informing you by his letter of *September 16 last*, to plunder the *English* whom he may encounter on his way, in case he has the necessary force for doing so, and can induce the *savage nations* with whom he is to join him in this.

We have as yet received no news, *Monseigneur*, from *Sieur de Maunoir* since the report of his arrival at the *Miamis de la Ouabeche*, on the third of last *July*; and we are very anxious to ascertain what decision he came to, concerning which *Sieur de Lignery* writes to *Sieur de Ramezay* that he is not informed. If he has undertaken nothing, or has suffered any *Check* through failure to join forces with *Sieur de Lignery*, there would be reason to fear that the nations of the south might be ill-disposed toward us in consequence. That would be especially true of the *hurons*, who have long been on bad terms with the *Outaouis*, and who, being annoyed at *detroit* by the *Renards*, might take the resolution of retiring among the *Iroquois*, who have invited them to do so, according to the report that *Monsieur de Lon-*