

gueil has made to *Sieur de Ramezay*. This is what obliged him a few days ago to write to *Sieur de Longueuil* to give orders to *Monsieur de Sabrevois* to tell them that, if this matter has fallen through this Year, we will take certain measures with them next Year so as to succeed; and *Sieur de Ramesay*, on his return to *Montreal*, will Consider with *Sieur de Longueuil* what is to be done in the case.

Sieur Quemet set out last spring with 12 men, instead of 20 whom he had permission to take with him to *Ouabache*, which he has probably not reached on account of the *Renard* war; we have not yet learned whether he is at *Michilimakinak* or at *Detroit*.

We have nothing to add, *Monseigneur*, to what we have had the honor of writing you in our private letters regarding the *abenaki* Savages of the mission of *St. John's River*, of *Nanrantsoak River*, and of *Pentagouet River*.¹ They are greatly tempted by the offers made to them by the English. We can only keep them in our interests by making them presents, and by rebuilding the two Churches on the *St. John* and *Nanrantsoak Rivers*. These favors would give great weight to the words of their missionaries, who neglect nothing in their power to keep them in the true religion and distrustful of the English.

It is no less necessary that *His Majesty* should establish a fund for the presents to the Savages of the upper country, to whom they will be distributed by the officers commanding in the different posts. The Savages attach themselves to those who give them the most, and it is necessary to make them presents to counterbalance somewhat, at least, the advantages offered them by the English.

Monsieur de Longueuil, on his return from the *Iroquois Villages*, informed us that it would be necessary to have a little Establishment North of *Niagara* on lake *Ontario*, about 100 leagues from fort *frontenac*, and accessible from that place in 7 or 8 days by canoe. This post would divert the *Mississagues*

¹The *St. John's river*, of *New Brunswick*; the *Kennebec*, on which stood the *Abenaki* village of *Nanrantsoak* (*Norridgewock*); and the *Penobscot*, commonly known to the French as *Pentagouet*.—Ed.