

1716: THE FOX WAR: LOUVIGNY'S EXPEDITION; PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL THEREON.

[Letter of Governor de Vaudreuil to Council of Marine; dated Oct. 14, 1716. MS. in archives of Ministère des Colonies, Paris; press-mark, "Canada, Corresp. gén., vol. 36, c. 11, fol. 279."]

The detachment of Savages¹ from the Sault St. Louis sent by Monsieur de Ramezay, The hurons of detroit, and a detachment of the Poutoatomis, in despair at the failure of the measures taken for attacking the Renards in 1715, and for having a rendezvous of the Northern nations at Chikagou, went to le Rocher, one of the villages of the Islinois, expecting to find there the two sons of Messieurs de Ramezay and de Longueuil. Both were extremely sick at Caskacias; accordingly the Son of Monsieur de Ramezay, being unable to march or to write, ordered a certain Bizailon, who was at the Islinois, to induce as many Savages of that Nation as he could to join the other party so that all together might go to attack 70 Cabins of Mascoutins and Quikapous, allies of the Renards, who were hunting along a certain river. They did join them, in fact, on the 20th of November, 1715; and after a very obstinate battle they forced the Mascoutin position On a steep rock where they were entrenched, killed more than 100 of them, and carried away 47 prisoners, Without counting the women and children.

After this defeat, our Savages, to cover their march, went nearly 25 leagues down the same river by Canoe; but, in spite of this precaution, they were overtaken on the eleventh day by 400 men, the élite of the Renards; and, although our people amounted to only 80 men, 30 of them being occupied in guarding a redoubt which they made every Evening for the wounded and the prisoners, they defended Themselves with such Vigor, from dawn until three o'clock in the afternoon, that they forced the enemies to retire after a very considerable loss. Our people secured 7 of their heads, and saw traces of great carnage during the pursuit, which they kept up for several hours. Our peo-

¹Marginal note on the MS. (signed "L. A. B."): "To be brought before the Regency Council."