

during several years while they had been engaged in War, they had lacked every kind of merchandise. (I had however, fearing that this accident might happen, on my return, forbidden all the French to go and trade with the Renards; but prohibitions of this sort have not been very well Enforced.)

The Renards continued their speeches, and had the interpreters Write what they wished to say to the Governor. They begged him not to be Concerned, as they would, the following year, Keep their words and their promises satisfactorily—and added that they not only promised with words, but, as words might change, they promised by this Writing which does not change.

They said that it would be too much to lie twice to their father; that the Extremity in which they had found themselves the year before, and the fear inspired in them by Monsieur de Louvigny were not yet Effaced from their Minds; and that they had not yet forgotten the favor that I had shown them in enabling them and their families to enjoy the light. All the old men applauded the Orator, and promised to keep their word satisfactorily next year. This is what they have given in Writing and what I have from the Interpreters.

I made known the death of our great King to them, as well as to all the nations of the Lakes, who are to come down next year to cover the death of the King and to ask the protection of His August Successor.¹

This, Monseigneur, was the chief object of the Voyage which I made this year by order of Monsieur the Marquis de Vaudreuil. The second object was to declare the Amnesty, and to try to Induce all the disaffected Voyageurs to come down. I have likewise succeeded in this affair, since there remain only Twenty of them, who Were at a Distance and will come down next spring.

The Result of these two Voyages has been the establishment of peace among all the Nations with whom the French trade;

¹ Louis XIV of France died on Sept. 1, 1715, and was succeeded by his great-grandson, Louis XV. To "cover" a death is a metaphor of Indian speech for expressing their regret and sympathy to the relatives of the deceased.—Ed.