

la Robe blanche [White robe], whom I summoned by a Collar which I gave them. After this Okinaouassent, brother of Vechala and of the hostage whom I sent back last year, spoke thus: "My Father, The Kikapou and the Maskoutin have not dared to set out on the road hither for fear of being harshly received. But when they learn how You have received the Outagami" (that is the Renard), "they will make no difficulty about coming to submit to a Father who is so good. Onechala himself, who has not been willing to keep his promise, fearing to expose himself to a harsh reception in coming here, will Doubtless be eager to come when we tell him what goodness you have shown us, and what good treatment You have given us."

As it was Extremely important to dismiss the Renards well satisfied, I believed that out of the seventeen prisoners of their nation whom they had asked for—among whom were the wife and son of one of the chiefs, the others being their relatives—I ought to grant them twelve. For this I had all the more reason, as the Miami Chief who was at Montreal had given back to them a Young woman, who was His slave, and as our Savages from the Sault had restored a man to them. I considered, in granting this favor to them, that it might induce Onechala, their principal chief, to come down next year to get the Renards who still remain in the Colony; and that it will stir up the chiefs of the Kikapous and the Maskoutins to come with him, in the hope of getting back the people of their nation who are slaves among the French. That favor I propose to grant, With the assent of His Majesty, after they shall have restored to our allies the people whom they have taken From them, so as to confirm by this means a peace between all the nations of this continent with whom the French have any dealings.

[Endorsed: "Canada, No. 3. Monsieur the Marquis de Vaudreuil, Oct. 30, 1718. In Council. Regarding the Savages of the upper country." "Carry it to Monseigneur the Duc D'orleans,¹ with the Map of the Country on which are indicated the habitations of all those savages. Discussed on Jan. 31, 1719: La Chapelle. Colonies: Monsieur de Vaudreuil."]

¹Philippe, duc d'Orléans, who was regent during the minority of Louis XV (1715-23).—Ed.