

1719: FRENCH GARRISON SENT TO CHEQUAMEGON; WAR BETWEEN ILLINOIS AND WISCONSIN TRIBES; ENGLISH INTRIGUES WITH MIAMIS.

[Part of a letter from Vaudreuil to Council; dated Oct. 28, 1719. Source, same as that of preceding documents, but vol. 40, c. 11, fol. 179.]

I have received the letter which the Council did me the honor of writing May 24th last.

I continue to devote all my attention to maintaining peace among the Nations of the upper country. I sent out in September, last year, Sieur de St. Pierre, captain, and Sieur de Linctot,¹ ensign, with some Soldiers, to establish a post at point Chagouamigon on Lake Superior, because the Savages of the sauteur Nation who live there, and those of the same nation who live at Kiwewenan were loudly threatening to avenge on the nations of la Baye the death of their chiefs who were killed in the Renard war; so that it became necessary to have among them some people who could divert them from this enterprise, whose execution might have caused war among all the nations. Sieur de St. Pierre, who has great influence among the Sauteurs, was so successful in pacifying them that they think now only of maintaining the peace.

Three chiefs, sent by the Renard nation, coming down to Montreal this year, accompanied by a Kikapou chief, sent by his own nation and by that of the Mascoutins, assured me that they were all disposed to maintain peace with all the Nations; and said that they had returned all the prisoners taken from them during the last war. In fact, all the Nations present at Montreal at the time when these Chiefs conferred with me, assured me that they no longer had any more prisoners among those nations. Thus all would be peaceful on this continent

¹Godefroy de Linctot, an officer in the Canadian army, was commandant at La Pointe from 1720 to 1726; in the latter year he was at Detroit; and from 1731 to 1733 was in charge of the fort on Lake Pepin, opposite Maiden Rock. He died in March, 1748. Regarding the Chequamegon post, see Thwaites's "Story of Chequamegon," in *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, xiii, pp. 410, 411.—Ed.