

The Renards, Kikapous, and Mascoutins still continue their war Against the Illinois, and threaten all the other nations, without consideration for any except That of the Sious, whom they for a time induced to espouse their cause, but who have again withdrawn from them, according to The last news that I have received by Way of detroit.

The Renards have forgotten the sorry State to which they found Themselves reduced four years ago. The peace that was granted to them has served only to increase their pride and their Insolence. They have paid no attention to all that Ouachala, one of their principal chiefs, who came to Montreal last year, has been able to say in my name to induce them to make peace with The Illinois. On the Contrary, They have despised this Chief, because he seemed too well-affected toward the French. He himself has sent me word that The Young men had lost their Senses, and that he would be Constrained to abandon it [the peace].

They have recently violated The law of nations in killing a Miami who had gone to see the Sakis, who Are their Neighbors and their allies; and the latter, foreseeing the grievous consequences of this murder and of the bad Conduct of the Renards, appear determined not only to concern themselves no longer with their affairs, but even to abandon them absolutely, and go to settle on the St. Joseph River, for fear of being confounded with Them in the Vengeance which the other nations, our allies, wish to take for the Continual Insults which they have suffered from the Renards. This fear is not ill-founded, since Sieur de Tonty writes me (Aug. 27th) that the Principal Chief of the Pouteouatamis has Secretly declared to him that those nations are ready to make war on the Renards, if I will abandon that tribe to Them; and that he Counts on at least a thousand men, people from the lake and from the Miamis, Ouayatanons, and Illinois; but he said that they would not undertake anything without first knowing my Wishes in the Matter. The Disposition of all those nations to attack The Renards, without concerning ourselves with the matter, seems to me favorable in that this proud nation, Finding all the others declaring against them, may finally decide to act with more