

Moderation—especially as Ouacantapé, Chief of the Sious, has decided to abandon their Cause, which will greatly humiliate Them; And as they will be obliged, in case the League of nations should march against them, to make a firm peace with the latter, by yielding the Satisfaction they ask, or by going so far away that they can no longer Trouble those tribes. Accordingly I shall not hesitate to abandon the Renards to these nations, if I learn next year that they have not made suitable amends to the Miamis, and that they Continue to make War against the Illinois.

According to advices received from St. Joseph River and the Ouyatanons post, some savages of That nation, to the number of forty or 50, have gone to settle at the Teatiky, And it was Hoped that the rest would Follow Them this autumn. It is, however, to be Feared that the Pianginchias, who are more numerous than all the rest, may decide to remain where they are; for they have been solicited by the Canadians who have fled to Caskakias, Who have told the Savages that they would take care to bring them merchandise, and that the officer who was in command in the country of the Illinois, claiming that they were his dependents, was on the point of having their post occupied by an officer with a Garrison. This, according to my views, is wholly Prejudicial to the welfare of This Colony and to the union which ought to exist between the ouyatanons and the Miamis; for they are one and the same nation, having separated into two Bodies on account of the Jealousy of the Chiefs who formerly governed them. Besides, that nation has never been Considered as belonging either to the Illinois country or to Louisiana.

A part of the Miamis, numbering about one hundred men, have gone to Settle on the St. Joseph River, where still others were expected. However, The majority of the Savages of that nation continue to remain in their usual territory, and do not appear at all disposed to go to the St. Joseph River. Some of their Chiefs, who are very much under the influence of the English and the Iroquois, on seeing that I was causing all the French who were in their Village to withdraw, have taken advantage of this to insinuate that I wished to abandon the na-