

Thus the need for Jesuit Missionaries still exists, and is even becoming more urgent, as the one who is now at St. Joseph River is to return in the spring to Michilimackinac, to replace Father Marest,¹ who is alone there, and who being no longer Able on account of his advanced age and his constant Infirmities to give his attention to the outavois missions, of which he is the Superior, is to return next year to live in Quebec. This constrains him to beg the Council to oblige the Jesuits to send over to Canada next year as many Missionaries as they can.²

[His Royal Highness is satisfied with the report you have made on the War which the Renards, Kikapous, and mascoutins continue to carry on against the Islinois; and threats they make against the other nations; and the murder of a miami, in violation of the law of nations. The resentment of these nations is justified, and H. R. H. approves your abandoning the Renards to these nations, as you have proposed, if they do not make proper amends to the Miamis, and if they continue to make War on the Islinois.]³

He answers that the Renards, far from making amends to the Miamis, continue to do mischief. During the spring of last year they stabbed a Frenchman, one of three who were passing the winter among the Kikapous. They have even taken care to inform Sieur de la Morandiere of it by their own words, in an assembly of all the nations of la Baye, held in August of the same year, on account of some sauteurs who wished to confer with those nations and to dance the Calumet with Them.⁴

onies. Pierre de Lauzon came to Canada in 1716; he was superior of the Canadian missions from 1732 to 1739. François le Brun came to Canada in 1707, and died in 1721. The royal school of hydrography maintained at Quebec was, after Joliet's death (1700), placed in charge of the Jesuit fathers.—Ed.

¹A reference to Joseph J. Marest (p. 205, note 1, ante).—Ed.

²Marginal note: "Communicate this article to the Procurator of the Jesuits. L. A. B."

³This document is apparently a resumé of: (a) instructions sent June 14, 1721, by the Council to Vaudreuil; (b) his answer thereto, dated Oct. 6 following; (c) action thereon by the Council. Extracts from "(a)" are here enclosed in brackets; those from "(c)", mainly in the form of marginal notes, are given by us as foot-notes.—Ed.

⁴Marginal notes: "Take this article, with that of the Council's let-