

In making this confession they asked *Sieur de la Morandiere* [in return] for a *Calumet* and a *Collar*, to tell them what to do in the matter. But that officer gave them to understand that he saw no other means of guaranteeing their village, and saving the lives of their wives and Children, than by giving up the murderer into his hands to have his Head broken, as it was just that an assassin should die. They withdrew without making any reply, contenting themselves, on leaving *la Baye*, with saying to the *Sakis* that what was asked from them was impossible. As the reason for this, they alleged that the murderer had a great number of kinsmen, all of high standing, and that half their village would have to perish if this Execution took place. This, according to *Sieur de la morandiere*, is only a poor excuse, which they have been pleased to allege in order to cover up their ill-will.

In that same assembly the *Renards* informed the *sauteurs* that their young men had killed a *sauteur* while hunting. They have also since that time, at the beginning of October, carried off two *Poutouatamis* from the *St. Joseph River*, who were hunting near *Chicagou*; but those two Prisoners were delivered by the *Quicapous* and the *Mascoutins*, who had jointly agreed to ransom them at the time when the *Renards* passed through their country in returning to their village. Having succeeded in ransoming only one, the son of *Ouenamek*, a *Poutouatami* chief of great repute, they untied his comrade and let him escape at night, so that the two Prisoners returned to *St. Joseph River* last December.

This act of hostility on the part of the *Renards* against the *Poutouatamis*, so stirred up the latter that they would already have avenged it, if *Sieur de Montmidy*, who is in command at the *St. Joseph River*, had not checked the different bands of this nation, who wished to set out on a Campaign against the *Renards*. He has had great difficulty in restraining them, but has nevertheless succeeded by means of presents, and by tell-

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ter, to Monsieur the Regent The Council believes that the orders given by Monsieur de *Vaudreuil* should be approved."

"By decision of H. R. H., the opinion of the Council is approved.  
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