

ing them that they must not undertake anything until Informed of the Wishes of Monsieur de Vandreuil in the Matter.

Hereupon, to put an end to the continual importunity of the savages in regard to this, he has given orders to the officers in command at the posts no longer to restrain those who wish to make War on the Renards; and to declare to them that he abandons the latter to them—advising them, however, not to attack in small bands, but rather to combine together and form one force capable of destroying them entirely; at the same time offering them the supplies needed for this.

[H. R. H. is also Satisfied with the report you have made regarding the number of Savages who have gone to settle on the Teatiky and on the St. Joseph river, and with the hopes you entertain of drawing the others into these two places. He has approved all the steps you have taken in this matter, and for rendering useless the measures taken by the English and the Iroquois to dissuade them. You will please report on the Results.]

He answers that Sieur de Montmedy, half-pay ensign, who has remained in command at the St. Joseph River, since Sieur Deschaillons, captain, left that post last year, has informed him that on Sept. 15th, 1720, there arrived at the St. Joseph River two mascoutin chiefs with ten other Savages, who, in the name of their nation, asked the Poutouatamis of that post for permission to settle near them, saying that they wish to get away from the Renards, who always continue in their Perversity, and commit hostilities incessantly. This officer has also informed him that a like number of Mascoutins, with one of their chiefs, had arrived at his post, on May 2nd, 1721, saying that they were abandoning the Renards and wished to approach the Poutouatamis. The latter deferred their answer as they were awaiting the return of their Chief Pilemou, who came to Montreal this year. He told them that they must bring the most notable chiefs of their nation, and also Robe Blanche, principal chief of the Kikapous, to go down to Montreal and confer with Monsieur de Vandreuil.¹

¹ Marginal note: "Take this article also to the Regent; and add a Map of Canada on which all these nations are designated. L. A. B."