

As it is important to keep up this favorable disposition on the part of the Kikapous and mascoutins, in this matter of withdrawing to the St. Joseph River to Settle there, he has written to Sieur de Montmidy to send those two chiefs to him, and to raise no difficulties about receiving those two nations at his post, when they present themselves to settle there, provided that no objection is made by the Poutouatamis and Miamis who are Established there. The number of the latter has not increased at this post since last year, as none of those who had remained in the old village have left it.

Sieur Dumont, whom he sent last year to persuade them to abandon it, has informed him that on his assembling them on the 11th of last February, they all unanimously declared that they were positively resolved to remain in their old village—alleging, as a reason for refusing to leave it, that they are in safety there, and that there is game in the neighborhood; while, if they went to Settle at the St. Joseph River, they would be in danger of being killed by the Renards, and would have to travel a long distance to reach the place where they usually hunt. The Ouyatanons have also refused to go to the Teatiky, and the little band which had Settled there abandoned the place on finding that the rest of the nation would not come. Thus the Hopes which he had had of drawing the Miamis to the St. Joseph River, and the ouyatanons to the Teatiky, have come to nothing. But as it is of great importance not to abandon those two nations, he sent, in the month of August last, Sieur Du Buisson, Captain, to Occupy a post among the Miamis, and to assume command there as well as among the ouyatanons. He will reside among the Miamis, as it is necessary that he remain there in order to forestall the effect of the intrigues of the English, who continue them by means of certain Iroquois, who go among the Miamis almost every year, under pretext of visiting them as friends. Some of those Emissaries, who passed the winter this year in their village, chose the time when Sieur Dumont was among the ouyatanons, to Take along 8 or 10 Canoes of Miamis to Orange to do their trading there. He hopes that Sieur Du Buisson will find means of putting an end