

will by this means obtain from us in future the pity that you desire."

Reply of Monsieur de Montigny to the Renards; "I shall not fail to inform Your Father Onontio of all that you have said in the name of your brother Elécavas; and, in waiting to receive news from him, I answer you that whenever he wishes it you shall indeed die, and perish without resource. Your father may be a little ill, but only slightly; and he will soon be better, as he has remedies in abundance, and, if in need of more, he has ships in which to get them. Tell your brother that if his whole village comports itself as well as Ouashalas has said just now, your father will perhaps have other sentiments toward you. Beware of seeking to deceive him; you would deceive yourselves. This is all that I have to tell you; it is for you to profit by it."

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1723: DETROIT INDIANS THREATEN THE FOXES; ILLICIT SALE OF BRANDY AT THAT POST.

[Part of a letter to Claude de Ramezay; dated Jan. 10, 1723. Translated from a document in Quebec Provincial archives, copied from a MS. in Paris archives.]

I have received the letter which you did me the honor of writing to me on the 28th of last August.

Monsieur the Marquis de Vaudreuil has notified me of his intentions in regard to the project formed by the Savages of this place of making war on the renards when they return from their winter quarters. I shall have no difficulty in persuading our Savages to abandon the idea of going in a body among the Renards; for I have been informed that the latter, after besieging the Illinois at Le Rocher, have gone away toward the scioux, so that it would not be possible to go against them at such a distance with a body of warriors. This reason will be more than sufficient to dissipate their projects—especially as they are preparing to attack the têtes plates,