

Those savages, after their declaration that they did not wish to engage in any further warfare, were attacked by the sauteurs four times Before the 12th of last July; and, having on each occasion addressed themselves to Sieur De Montigny to inform him that they were going to avenge these attacks, the Influence of This officer sufficed to deter them, and to induce them to sacrifice, out of consideration for me, the Resentment they cherished on account of These Attacks. But, after That made by The saghinan party, on July 15th last, resulting in the killing of 22 savages, men, women and Children—who were fishing on the Shore of a Lake between the village of the Renards and the post of La Baye, among Whom were Five sakis and 2 puants—it was Impossible for Ouachalas to restrain his Warriors. Four detachments went Against the sauteurs, and one, consisting of 100 men, went in the Direction of St. Joseph's River. Ouachalas informed Sieur de Montigny of this and reported that he was accompanying the last-named band, in order to prevent the savages of That River from being captured and the French from being Insulted.

I hope, Monseigneur, that the details I have the honor of communicating to you will not displease you—and, As these facts are absolutely Certain, they may Serve to show that the Renards were less in the wrong than the Illinois for the war they have had together; that the Renards are far from being as intractable as they have been represented; and That it is not Impossible to make them listen to reason, when one knows how to deal with them Properly. Besides, it is not Surprising that, after having been attacked four successive times without making any reprisals, they Should have been aroused the Fifth time they were attacked. It is of the utmost Importance to prevent The first movements of That nation from going too far, and to guarantee the upper country from a War which would result in a general Conflagration.

In order to succeed in this I will send Monsieur De Louvigny early next Spring to la Baye. He has a great reputation and much Influence among all the Nations of the upper country, and no one is better informed than he regarding all necessary details in order to treat with them. Moreover, his