

Send back those Calumets the very next day; and, in fact, they despatched 36 men, on The 23rd of the same month, to Carry them back to The St. Joseph river.

The Renards, in their last fight Against the Illinois, had with them some scioux, Mascoutins, Kicapous, puants, and Sakis; but there were no Sauteurs or folles-avoines. It is not surprising that they should have the Mascoutins and Kicapous, since the former Are at present incorporated with them, while the Kicapous have always been their allies. As for the Puans and the sakis, it was easy to get them, because the puans are Settled near them; and the village of the Sakis is only 20 Leagues from That of the renards, with whom they are closely connected by the marriages of the sakis with the daughters of the Renards, and of Renards with those of the Sakis. But it is not to be Believed that there were any sauteurs among them, since those tribes are Continually at war with each other.

As Regards the 4 Abenakis, who They say were there also, and whom I am accused of having sent in order to get Slaves for me, I have Learned that they were there in fact, But that Nanangoussi had influenced the Renards to decide on sparing the Lives of the Illinois. Those 4 savages Never went with my consent into the upper country, and It is only their own roving spirit that carried them thither. Nessegambewuit—that Abenaki Chief to whom the late King gave an enameled medal, when Sieur de Montigny presented him to His Majesty—having remained among the Renards after peace was concluded with them in 1716, did not leave them until this year, when he Returned to Quebec. This savage did nothing in that country which could be prejudicial to the Colony. On the contrary, According to the Report made to me by Sieur de Montigny, The reports he has made to that nation about What he saw in France, during the time while he was there, have only Served to give Those savages an exalted idea of the power of the King, and have inspired them with Fear.

Nenangoussik was formerly chief at St. françois. His Roving spirit led him to abandon that mission, and to remove to That of sault St. Louis, where he Expected to Live in greater liberty. As He was very Restless, he took it into his head