

to make a trip to the Renards, where he remained some time; he Returned to Montreal in 1719, bringing a message from that nation for the Abenakis, inviting them to go and hunt in their country, where they would not lack Game. He brought this message to St. françois, whence he returned to Montreal with 40 Young men, who wished to follow him. As I saw that These 40 men were so many warriors whom the Abenaki nation would lose, at a time when they might need them to oppose the designs of the English, and as the Renards would not fail to employ them against the Illinois, I opposed their departure, and so well represented to them The Objections to their making That expedition, that I succeeded in persuading them to return to their village. As for Nenangoussik, it was impossible for me to dissuade him from This journey, as he said in excuse that, being a bearer of a message from the Renards, he was obliged to carry back an answer. As I could not stop him, he returned to that nation, where he has remained Up to the present time. He came Very near being killed Last Spring by the Sauteurs, the enemies of the Renards, who killed his brother. It was he and another chief of the Abenakis, named Babamouet,—who was formerly one of the most influential and esteemed warriors of that nation,—who sent Nescambewuit here This year to report the words of the Renards to the Abenakis, inviting all the young men of st. françois to go among them to avenge The death of the brother of Nenangoussik. At first I received this Envoy very harshly, making him Feel how odious he was Rendered by the Commission with which he was charged; but he excused himself by saying that he had Undertaken This Commission only because it was impossible to refuse, and that it was better he, rather than some one else, should be the bearer of this message, since he had no intention of supporting it, as he had resolved not to return again among the Renards, but to retire among his brothers. I decided to treat him with more indulgence, and I promised to cause the elders of st. françois to Receive him among them. In fact, those elders having come a few days later to give me an Account of What This message Contained, I persuaded them not to make any Reply to it, and