

to consent to Receive and keep Nesgambewuit in their village, since he was willing to abandon his Lawless ways, and to Marry, with the sanction of the Church, the woman whom he had brought with him. Accordingly, no other Abenakis remain among the Renards except Nenangoussik.

After What I did in 1719, as well as in the present year, to prevent the Abenakis from going among the Renards—for which I have, moreover, been warmly Thanked by father Aubry, their missionary, who wrote me a letter (of which I enclose a Copy) on The 3rd of this month—I leave you to judge, Monseigneur, whether it can justly be said that I do not regard matters pertaining to the government of Louisiana As things in which I ought to give any help or aid; and that I do nothing to prevent The wars that may arise among the nations dependent on me. It is not on these two occasions alone that I have devoted my attention to Such matters; But I have done so in several other cases, when the ouyatanons would have waged war with the Illinois, if Sieur de Vincennes, in accordance with the orders which I have always given him to maintain peace between These 2 nations, had not stopped the movements of the Ouyatanons—among whom he has a very great Reputation, and with whom he made several journeys among the Illinois.

It has never been Reported to me that The Abenakis, who without my consent, went Among the Renards, had said that I had sent them to make war Against the Illinois, to get Slaves. Accordingly, I have reason to Believe that they have never told such a falsehood; and also that the remark is quite uncalled for, that it is difficult to persuade the savages that the French of Canada and those of Louisiana are of the same nation. The savages are so well aware of this that, a party of Poutouatamis from st. Joseph River having, in 1720, attacked a Canoe in which there were some French and some Cansas savages, going up the Mississippi, and having Killed one Frenchman and one savage and wounded another Frenchman and another savage with the first volley that was fired, the chief of That band (although he pleaded in excuse that This Attack had all been a mistake, as far as the French were concerned)