

if The Errand Should not be as agreeable to You as it appears necessary to Those Gentlemen. The Savage manifests no less His good Will toward the French and deserves that some Regard be shown Him, because, as he is jllinois by birth and in his Heart, His Coming should cause only pleasure in That country, As nothing Certain is Known here Concerning What passes among the jllinois. In Accordance with the intentions of monsieur The marquis de Vaudreuil and of Messieurs de Lignery and amariton, we send Him to gain On the Spot, Light on Certain facts (both Personally and still more through The Letters that those Gentlemen hope to receive from You), and that we may Afterward act in accordance with The Truth of Those facts. The facts in question Are: Whether there Are any regnart Slaves among The ilinois; Whether it is True that, when the peace was made in 1716, the regnart Slaves Were not given up According to Agreement; Whether any slaves have been captured in the last war; Whether those who were made Slaves at either time Are still Alive, or are dead; finally, Whether the French have burned The Slaves whom the jllinois captured on the last occasion—for The Regnart clamors loudly On These points. If there should be any renard Slaves among The jllinois, those Gentlemen beg You to take steps to recover Them, and at once to hand them over to ouábessébau, who will deliver them into The hands of Monsieur de Villedonné, and after that to Monsieur de Lignery. Should there be none, and the renards have lied On all these Points, we beg You to let us Know Whether there have been any who Are now dead, or who have been burned. In the Latter Case, You will find some arrangement to be proposed to Them by Those Gentlemen, If You wish for peace; or You will inform Them of our motives and of Your Opinions Respecting The war, should You Deem it more advisable to Resort to it. Such, Monsieur, is The explanation of our sending ouabessebau, Respecting Which you will act As Your usual Wisdom and prudence, and The honor of the French name, which is so Dear to You, may suggest. I have only to Represent and not to dictate to persons who have more experience and more Wisdom than I. Moreover, I know that affairs of