

[Continuation of the Letter:]

Monsieur, A few words More to add to our Letter, As it Would be Desirable that Mamantouensa and his band should arrive, for The suspicions and Uneasiness of the Savages are perhaps only too well founded, and I fear that le Chat blanc is afraid that he will hear of Their defeat, because he Knows that the renards went there this winter, and letters also inform us of It; but, If we should delay, he might perhaps think that we have some evil design against Him. If Father Kerebin is of my Opinion, as Monsieur Thomur is, he may Sign this, as we have done, and with us. I Send you, Monsieur, enclosed herewith, Letters For the Fathers. There are some in the packet for Father Beaubois, who will go to France, and Inform Him of that peace made by Monsieur De Lignery. He will Inform the Court of it and you might also write a few words to Monsieur Raudot; for Monsieur de Vaudreuil will amuse the Court by Writing that it is our fault If we have not peace. He seems to have no other desire than to allow the vein of Beaver skins to flow; and, by Letting The Renard attack us, to prevent this Country from being settled, and thereby to shut off trade between His Government and Ours. I say nothing further. I send you the packet of spectacles that you request.

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1725: SPEECH OF THE ILLINOIS INDIANS, DEFENDING THEMSELVES, AND ACCUSING THE FOXES.

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Copy of the answer given to le chapt blanc by the Illinois, to the renards, regarding the letters of Messieurs Lignery, amariton, and vildonné, officers of Canada, commanding the posts of Missinimaquenak, la baye, and the river St. Joseph.

Answer of Anakipita [and] Massauga: "Who are we, chapt blanc, that we should decide anything? We listen only to the

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labored among the Illinois until his death in 1728; he was superior of the Louisiana missions from 1723 to 1725. Thaumur de la Source was one of the priests sent to Illinois by the Missions Etrangères.—Ep.