

not to make war any longer against the Illinois, two parties of Renard Young men were formed, to go and avenge the death of one of their kinsmen; that the stronger of these two parties, composed of 10 men, was completely overthrown—4 of them killed, and 4 wounded and captured by the Illinois; that, however, this affair will have no evil consequence, if the latter nation agree to send back to the Renard village the prisoners whom they have taken, with presents to cover the dead, according to custom; and that by this means they will disarm the Renards, and prevent their forming new parties. This is what Sieur de Lignery has written to Sieur Desliettes it will be expedient to do.

Monsieur the Marquis de Beauharnais sends a memorial on the most suitable methods for the strengthening of this peace. He proposes to grant to Ouachala, chief of the Renards, the request which he has especially made for a French chief to aid him in controlling the Young men of his village, and preventing them from going to seek asylum with the Iroquois, and other nations with whom they wish to take refuge. Sieur Desliettes, who commands among the Illinois for the Company of the Indies, wrote to Sieur de Lignery that the Renards are suspicious, and fearful of treason; that the surest method will be to destroy them; that he has made a proposition to that effect to the Superior Council at New Orleans, and has given advice regarding this to the Company of the Indies.

Monsieur de Beauharnais states that this would be the better expedient, but that there would be some danger, because if it were not successful, we could no longer expect to surprise the Renards, and keep them confined in their fort, as we did in the last war; and that if they should flee to the Sioux or to the Ayouets, they would harass the French in the upper country, and no one could go from one colony to the other without running the risk of losing his life, or of being plundered.

If, however, after the measures that have been taken to make a stable peace with them, they again break their promise, it will be necessary to take measures conjointly with the nations of the two Colonies, to subdue them by force of arms.

In the meantime, it is expedient that Sieur Desliettes should have surrendered to the Renards by the Illinois the prisoners