

that they have with them; and that he should not follow the example of the preceding commandants, who have thought to intimidate the Renards by having their prisoners burned—which has served no other purpose than to irritate them, and kindle a more furious war. If, with these precautions on the part of the Illinois, the Renards can be kept tranquil henceforth for a year, an interview with *Sieur Deslattes* can be held at *Chicagou*, or at *le Rocher*, where rendezvous will be given to the chiefs of the Illinois and of *la Baie*; and where may be determined the number of French and of savages, both from the Illinois, and from Canada, who should be present in a fort constructed at the rendezvous. Then, after the treaty of peace made with the Renards and their allies has been renewed, we could, the following summer, have *Ouachala*, Principal chief of the Renards, come down to *Montreal* with the war chiefs of the *Sakis*, *Puants*, *Kikapous*, *Mascoutins*, and *Sioux*—one of each of these nations allied with the Renards, in order to interrogate them regarding the situation of affairs where they are, and at the same time to declare to them the intentions of the King.

It will be suitable at that time, for *Ouachala*, in the presence of these chiefs and of those of the *Sauteurs*, *Poutouatamis*, *Outaouas*, and other nations of the lakes to whom it may seem advisable to send down a chief apiece, and also a chief or two from the Illinois to be witnesses of what shall be determined upon with the Renards and their allies, to demand publicly a French chief; and there will be no difficulty in granting him one, although this is not the desire of the Commandants at the post of *la baie*, who are without doubt opposed to this establishment for merely personal reasons, which should always be waived for the welfare of the service and of the Colony.

*Messieurs de Beauharnais* and *Dupuy* have learned from *Sieur de Lignery*, commandant at *Michillimakinak*, that the Renards ask for a commandant and a missionary—saying that they are the only ones neglected; and that a commandant and a missionary would give them the same disposition as that of the other nations, and would aid them in restraining their Young men.

*Father Chardon*, Superior of the missions of the upper country, states that in order to oblige the Renards to remain tran-