

make peace with all the savage nations tributary to the King; That they should by force or by friendly counsel induce the Kicapous and the Mascoutins, their allies, to do the same; that they should give up the captives of all the Nations,<sup>1</sup> etc.

Upon notice being given in 1722, by Monsieur de Vaudreuil and by the Commandant of Louisiana that these Renards were re-commencing the war, that they had attackēd several Frenchmen and were waging war against the Illinois, orders were given Monsieur de Vaudreuil in 1723 to take suitable measures with the Sieur de Boisbriant, the Commandant of the Company of the Indies in the Illinois country,<sup>2</sup> to compel the Renard nation to make amends for those offences and to compel them to live in peace;

That, on his part, he was to incite the other savages, the allies of France, to wage war upon the Renards and destroy them; also to send some soldiers thither and to choose an experienced officer to go and command at la Baye and put a stop to their disorders.

Monsieur de Vaudreuil sent the Sieur de Lignery, a Captain.<sup>3</sup> That officer, according to the report of Monsieur de Longueuil who was Commandant in Canada owing to the death of Monsieur de Vaudreuil, assembled the Chiefs of the Renards and those of the Sakis and Puants, their allies, at la Baye on June 7, 1726, and told them on behalf of the King that they must lay down the Tomahawk they had lifted against the Illinois. To this they replied that they gave their word to keep the peace; that they knew the King had pity on them inasmuch as he held out his arms to them. The manner in which their answer was given convinced him that they had spoken sincerely, and that there was reason to hope for a real and lasting peace.

It was necessary to take measures to make such peace sure, and the Sieur de Lignery promised to give them an answer from the King in a year.

<sup>1</sup>For these events, see documets in *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, xvi.—ED.

<sup>2</sup>For sketch of Boisbriant, see *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, xvi, p. 429.—ED.

<sup>3</sup>For sketch of Marchand de Lignery, see *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, v, pp. 113-115.—ED.