

that it will be necessary to be the first on the spot, to erect a fort and, at the same time, determine the number of the French and of the savages who are to assemble there.

Monsieur the Marquis de Beauharnois confirms the news of this peace, and says that it will be advantageous to make it permanent in order to avoid a war which, however successful it might be, would be very costly to both Colonies; That his opinion, shared by the Sieurs de Longueuil and de Lignery, is that the war between the Renards and the Illinois should be terminated by means of alliances between those two nations; that it is not necessary, for that purpose, to abandon the project of detaching, if possible, the Scioux from the interests of the Renards, and that he will take measures with Monsieur Dupuy to send Missionaries to the Scioux.

He has learned through Monsieur de Lignery that since the promise given him by the Renard, Saki, and Puant Chiefs at la Baye to wage war no longer on the Illinois, two bands of young Renards set out to avenge the death of one of their relatives; that the strongest of those two bands, consisting of 10 men, was completely defeated, 4 being killed and 4 wounded and captured by the Illinois; that, nevertheless, no untoward consequences will result from this affair if the latter send back to the Renards' Village the captives they have taken, with presents to cover the dead, according to custom; and by that means they will disarm the Renards and prevent the formation of other bands. This the Sieur de Lignery wrote the Sieur Desliettes it was advisable to do.

Monsieur the Marquis de Beauharnois sends a Memorandum respecting the most suitable means for making the peace a lasting one.

He proposes to grant the request privately made by Ouachala, the great Chief of the Renards, for a French Chief to help him to restrain the young men of his Village and to prevent them from thinking of evil designs. He suggests that it would be

designation for the post at Green Bay. Three places would thus be designated as the place for the rendezvous—Chicago, le Rocher, or la Baye.—ED.