

If, with such circumspection on the part of the Illinois, the Renards can be kept quiet for a year, a conference may be held with the *Sieur Des Liettes* at Chicagon or at the *Rocher* where the Chiefs of the nations of the Illinois country and of la Baye may be assembled and the number determined of the French and of the savages—both from the Illinois country and from Canada—who will be posted in a fort to be erected at the spot selected for the *Rendezvous*. Then, after the Treaty of peace with the Renards and their allies has been renewed, *Ouachala*, the great Chief of the Renards and the war-Chiefs of the *Sakis*, *Puants*, *Kicapoux*, *Maskoutins* and *Scioux*—one from each of those Nations allied with the Renards—may be sent down to Montreal the following Summer to be questioned regarding their dispositions and to be informed at the same time of the King's intentions.

It would then be advisable that, in the presence of those Chiefs and of those of the *Sauteurs*, *Poutouatamis*, *Outaouais* and other nations of the Lakes—from each of which it would also be advisable to send a Chief and in addition a Chief or two of the Illinois to be witnesses of what shall be agreed upon with the Renards and their allies—*Ouachala* should publicly ask for a French Chief. There will be no difficulty in giving him one, although such is not the desire of the Commandants of the Post of la Baye who are no doubt opposed to this Establishment solely through motives of private interest which should always yield to the welfare of the service and of the Colony.

*Messieurs de Beauharnois* and *Dupuy* have learned through the *Sieur de Lignery*, Commandant at *Michilimakinac*, that the Renards are asking for a Commandant and a Missionary; they told him that they were the only ones neglected and that a Commandant and a Missionary would give them sense like the others and would help them to restrain their young men.<sup>1</sup>

Father *Chardon*, the superior of the Missions of the upper

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<sup>1</sup>The letters and documents of which this is a summary, were translated and printed in *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, iii, pp. 148-161. The spelling of the proper names can be corrected from the above.—Ed.