

struck At the Renards with the Outaouoys last Summer, they had been invited by the latter to accompany them once more and that thus If they Came to ask the same thing of them this year they would go with pleasure and requested me to place myself at their head.

1730: FRENCH AND INDIANS GATHER TO ATTACK THE
FOXES

[Letter of commandant at Detroit (Deschaillons) to Beauharnois, dated Aug. 22, 1730. MS. in archives of Ministère des Colonies, Paris; press-mark, "Canada, Corresp. gén., vol. 53, c. 11, fol. 207-214."]

MONSIEUR—I have the honor to inform You that a Savage has just arrived from the river St. Joseph who reports that two days previous to His departure two Mascoutin couriers had arrived in haste to ask Monsieur devilliers for Assistance and for powder; that they had taken only two days to come from their country. Such is the news told me by the Savage who has arrived here that the mascoutin couriers had given at the river St. Joseph, Namely, Monsieur, that the renards were fighting with the illinois, between le rocher¹ and the ouiatanon. When the poux,² mascoutins, and quiquapoux Learned this, they marched thither, and while they advanced by slow stages because they had with Them a wounded man whom they were obliged to carry, A couple of young men pushed ahead; but, after marching a short distance, those two young men saw in a plain the renards fighting against the ilinois; they at once came back to warn the main body of Their troops, who fell Upon the renards. Consequently the renards found themselves by this attack hemmed in by the ilinois on one side and on the

¹ For location of this Illinois landmark, see *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, xvi, pp. 100, 373. Also Parkman, *La Salle* (Boston, 1879), p. 156.—Ed.

²The Potawatomi.—Ed.