

them to do so, on condition that I should see no other meat Come out of that village than my own. This they promised, but, on the contrary, that man came out, with four Slaves and a Collar, which he presented to me on behalf of the renard. I would not listen to him. I said that it was Illinois flesh that I asked for, and that I would have no other. He returned and in several trips brought me what I wanted. The Saquis took advantage of this delay, and approached the fort in spite of the French, who were on guard there. They got out a number of children and gave food to the renards, so that I was obliged to open fire on the fort, to compel them to retire.

Our tribes were very anxious to spare the renards' lives, and proposed an act of treachery to me. Their design was that I should promise Them their lives, that I should make them come out And that they would fall on them. It was in nowise their intention to do so; their only object was to secure captives. I opposed this, seeing that it could only result in sparing the lives of those wretches, who would undoubtedly Continue on their way to The jroquois. Every day they found fresh subjects on which to speak to me. They came back twice with their children and with collars, to move me. But although they had been pale, I made them turn as if painted red, by telling them that all their words were in vain And that they were not to come back again. They addressed themselves to Monsieur de St Ange, who listened to them no more than I did. Nevertheless, We fired some shots at them as they re-entered their fort. They suffered much from hunger because, for four days previous to Their flight, they lived only on *apichimonts*.¹ Monsieur de Noyelles arrived with the nations of His post, which gave us a reinforcement of a hundred men; these would have been very Useful to us, had the Savages been willing to mount guard night and day, but as soon as the least bad weather set in, they would not come out of their cabins and we were not enough Frenchmen to man the entire contravallation.

¹Note on original manuscript: "these are Their coverings made of Skins."