

take advantage at this moment of this willingness with which we shall not find them animated at another time.

Nevertheless, however Well established may be the Necessity of destroying the Renards for the honor of the French And the Preservation of the Colony, I feel that my plan would not be supported by all the authority that it Needs, if I did not indicate the means of carrying it out at slight expense, And with almost certain prospects of success.

In the first place, we must bear in mind that the savages are so firmly Convinced of the greatness And power of the King that when the government Induces them to go to war, it will be Obligated to supply them with arms, with food, And with transportation, And Consequently that the expense of This will always be very great.

This leads me to say that in order to succeed with very little expense, it will be necessary, after the Court has selected a competent officer, that such officer should, under the authority of an Order, carry the Same porcelain Collar that was used in the last expedition of 1728 to our settled savages and, after the Ceremonies observed On such Occasions, he should speak to them In the following terms:

“My brothers, I have never forgotten the chiefs of Your Villages killed by the renards. Your mats are Still Dyed with their blood, And their loss is ever felt by me As much as it is by you. I know that you have long been seeking an opportunity of Avenging their Death. But hitherto we have been Unfortunate enough not to give you satisfaction. This does not discourage me. As you have often taken up our quarrel I now take up yours. I am about to start And I come to notify you of it. I do not ask you if you will follow me. I observe from your countenances that you are possessed with the same desire with which I Burn. This is to me a Pledge that I shall not go alone. I am taking with me only a few soldiers And Canadians, picked men, who have equipped themselves at their own expense, to take part in our Expedition. The governor from whom I have asked permission to undertake this journey, has generously made me a present of swords, of powder, And of Bullets, which I shall willingly share with you. I take with me