

only indian Corn And fat for provisions. That is the food of warriors, and I do not intend to live differently from You. You have canoes Or you can Easily make them. Therefore I have no doubt, my brothers, that you are ready to follow me. If anything could cause you to hesitate It would be the Fear of coming back without wreaking vengeance on the Renards. But rest assured on that point. I promise you that we shall not see Our land again without being loaded with the spoils of Our Enemies.”

But this discourse must not be delivered until we are ready to March so that the Route may Be kept secret.

I am sure That this word carried by an Officer who is beloved and esteemed by the savages, will have all the effect that can be desired. And thus the heaviest item of expenditure in the last Campaign against the renards will be reduced to a trifle. Perhaps we may have to incur some expense in connection with certain chiefs, But I promise that it cannot be Considerable.

Thus the expense, as far as the savages are concerned, is reduced almost to nothing. Let us now see what it may Amount to for the Remainder of the party.

As it is advisable to pass by the lakes, both for the purpose of Inviting the Nations who are well disposed to join us, and owing to the Advantage of using the armed Canoes both for fishing And hunting and in order to Show ourselves In arms to the iroquois, it is also Advisable in order to make use of our soldiers in preference to the settlers—who are not so well disciplined and who would Cost Much more—to take this easier Route on which all the men may be of use.

One hundred soldiers selected from among all the troops to whom, if deemed expedient, 50 settlers may be added, would be sufficient for That expedition.

But let us suppose 150 soldiers	. . .	150
From the villages of saut St Louis and saut des recollets		300
nepissingues or Algonkins, fifty	. . .	50
hurons from detroit, one Hundred And Fifty	. . .	150
Outawas and poutwatamis from the same place	. . .	200