

many savage Tribes, to the number of 8 or 900 men, stopped them, blockaded them in their fort and compelled them to issue from it through press of hunger; And they pursued them, killing 200 warriors; 200 women or Children met the same fate, and the remainder to the number of 4 or 500, also women and Children, were made Slaves and scattered among all the Nations. Messieurs de Villiers, the Commandant at the River St Joseph; des Noyelles, the commandant among the Miamis; and Messieurs de St. Ange, Officers in Louisiana, behaved with all the bravery and Prudence that could be expected of Them. Monsieur de Villiers, Lieutenant of the Troops, who was the senior officer, had the Command of this Expedition. We Were greatly mortified, Monseigneur, at not being the first to convey Information of this happy success to you. Monsieur the general had despatched the Sieur Villiers, the younger, who was present in The action, to convey The news to you; But The accident that happened to the Ship, *le Beauharnois*, Prevented His doing so.

I have the honor to send you by this ship, Duplicates of several of my Letters, the first whereof relates to Monsieur de Lignery's affair.

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I remain with very profound respect, Monseigneur, Your very humble and very obedient Servant,

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QUEBEC, January 15th, 1731.