

it by their conduct Toward the Renards against whom they Had all declared themselves; and the majority of them took part in the Blow struck them by the Sieur de Villiers. Tranquillity, for so many years disturbed in the upper country, will now reign, and Enable us to continue our Establishments there. I thought first of all of that amongst the Sioux, that had to be abandoned owing to the proximity of that nation (the Renards) through whose territory it was necessary to pass to reach the former; and I sent back a party there this year under the same conditions of the arrangement I had made when the post was first Established amongst those savages (as you will see, Monseigneur, by the Copy we have the honor to append to the answer to the King's memorandum).

It seemed to me no less important to think of the post of la Baye which we had been compelled to abandon for the same reasons as in the case of that amongst the Sioux. To that End I sent Monsieur de Villiers, on his return from his Expedition, to restore that Post as it had been prior to its Evacuation, in the event of his finding the Sakis likewise disposed to rebuild their Village. I deemed it advisable to provide at first for the re-establishment of those two posts, all the more so that, inasmuch as the Obstacles caused by the Renards to that amongst the Sioux no longer existed, we should be in a Position to derive therefrom all the advantages we expected. On the other hand, this was needed for the success of the Undertaking of the Sieur de La Veranderie, in so far that it is absolutely necessary that that nation be in our interest, to allow of our trading with the Assiniboils and Cristinaux, through whose country one must pass to proceed to the discovery of the western sea. The latter [Cristinaux] have had an affray with the Sauteux of the point of Chagoüamigon, and killed some of their men. But I consider the affair settled and will see that those savages live in peace in future. Quarrels between those nations would greatly prejudice all our Enterprises, for the success whereof it is necessary to have tranquillity, which, I am pleased to see, reigns throughout the upper country, and which I will maintain as far as lies in my power.