

especially the Old men suffered from hunger and fatigue caused by the deep Snow which compelled them to Use Snowshoes, they held a council and several of the Old men thought that they should turn back. The young men were not of the same Opinion, and stated that they had not come So far for the purpose of returning Without striking a blow and one of them added that he would perish rather than go back to His Village Without having killed some men. Two of the most notable among the huron Chiefs said that they were in good health and that, although they were Old men, they Felt strong enough not to give up the undertaking. The little army Broke up; the Old men, both hurons and Iroquois, went back toward Chicagou; while the others, Namely 40 hurons and 30 Iroquois, Followed the Route that led to the Ouisconsin. After several days' march, About 11 o'clock in the morning, they perceived in a prairie three men who were coming to meet them. These were three Renards who took to flight as soon as they saw them. Our people pursued them thinking that they Came from 4 or 5 Cabins of which they had been told; but they were greatly surprised when they reached the top of a Hill to see 46 Cabins in a valley on the bank of the Ouisconsin (This was the principal village of the Renards). The Chiefs Encouraged the young men, telling them that they had nothing to fear; that they had to deal with dogs who did not acknowledge the master of life. The Renards who had been warned by the three men and had had time to seize their Weapons, came out to the number of 90 to attack our people who Received their volley and replied to it by two volleys in succession. The Chiefs told the Young men not to amuse themselves by shooting; they made them lay down their guns, and with a tomahawk in one hand and a Dagger in the other they forced the Renards back into their Village; they Pursued them so closely and so great was the Carnage that 70 of the Renards were killed On the spot, and 14 were made prisoners; 80 women and Children were also killed, and 140 of them were captured, Besides 10 Renards who Escaped quite naked and who died of cold. The hurons had 5 men killed and several wounded. Finally, after this Attack