

they unbound a Renard Chief who was wounded in the thigh and after dressing his wound, they Sent him with 6 women to tell the remainder of His Nation that the hurons and Iroquois had just eaten up their chief Village where they would remain for two days; that if the Renards wished to Follow them they were free to do so but that as soon as they would see them they would begin by breaking the heads of all their women and Children; that they would make a Rampart of their dead bodies and afterward would endeavor to pile the remainder of the Nation on top of them. The Renard Chief proceeded to a small fort of nine Cabins On the bank of the Mississipy. As soon as he arrived there those who were in the fort Sent word to three Cabins that had detached Themselves from it some time before to warn them of the blow that had been struck. The Sieur Dorval and two other Frenchmen who had left Montreal with Monsieur De Linctot for the post among the Scioux, were at those three Cabins at the time. Monsieur de Linctot who had been unable to reach His destination the previous autumn, had built a fort On the Mississipy at a Place called the Mountain whose foot is bathed by the Water (*la Montagne qui trempe dans l' Eau*),¹ About 30 Leagues above the Mouth of the Ouisconsin, where finding Himself short of Provisions he had been compelled to disperse a portion of His people to live among the savages. A Renard chief of these three Cabins told the said Sieur Dorval that it was their Father Onontio who caused them to be killed, because the hurons and Iroquois never rose from their Mats except upon His command. He replied that the hurons belonged to Detroit and that No doubt they had started from there Without their Father being informed of their expedition. "Well," said the Renard, "since thou assurest me that the French have nothing to do with it, make them give me back three of my Children whom they are taking away." The Renards disarmed the Frenchman and Led him to their fort, and thence to the Place where their people had been killed. The Chief proposed to him to Follow

¹ Mount Trempealeau, near the village of Trempealeau, Wis.—Ed.