

our warriors to redeem His three Children, and he gave him a Robe and 17 Beaver skins for their Ransom. The Frenchman accepted the errand and was led by that chief to the place where our Warriors had kindled their last fire and whither he was told to return when he had ransomed the Children. The Sieur Dorval started and overtook the hurons with whom he came to Detroit, well pleased with the Errand with which he had been entrusted. It is estimated that the Renards have lost 300 persons, both killed and prisoners. The Warriors brought 100 and some Slaves to Detroit and they have assured me that the number of the killed and of the prisoners was 300, besides 13 women and 2 men whom they state to have been killed while endeavoring to Escape on the Road. From the report of these Slaves there would remain of this nation, at the most, 30 True Renards, some women and Children, who Would be very happy, they say, to take refuge among other Nations. They added that they were going down to place themselves at their Father's mercy.

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[Letter of Beauharnois to the French Minister, enclosing the preceding document. Source, the same, but fol. 296.]

MONSEIGNEUR—Monsieur de Boishebert has just Sent me news which I have the honor to communicate to you and which is all the more welcome that it tells us of the almost entire rout of the Renards who had Escaped from the attack Made on them by Monsieur de Villiers. Although I had the honor of informing you last year that I had granted the remnant of that nation their lives on the conditions that I mentioned to you, I also had the honor of observing to you that the huron Savages of Detroit had asked me for permission to raise A party for the purpose of Attacking them, and of exterminating their race; and they stated that they would carry out that undertaking on their own account. My answer Was, Monseigneur, as you may have seen, that I could not give them such permission because I had granted the Renards their lives; but that I would, nevertheless, remain neutral in the disputes that might arise between