

Renards perceived this, they made a sortie, and fell into the ambush of our savages who pressed forward too much, and this prevented the Renards from advancing far enough to be surrounded. Some volleys were fired on both sides. The Renards lost four men and some wounded and they retreated into their fort.

After this first attack, the hurons made them a proposal to surrender, promising them their lives. They replied that they consented; but it was necessary to await the arrival of the other nations. The Outaouacs and Poutouatamis who had gone to the Maskoutins, arrived on the following day with the Illinois of le Rocher, and there was no longer any thought of making proposals. They made a second attempt, which met with no more success than the first one. The Renards made another sortie, volleys were fired on both sides by which three hurons were killed and some of the other savages wounded. After this affair, a council was held in which it was resolved that a Poutoutami Chief should enter the Renards' fort to propose that they surrender. He entered it, and when he made the proposal, They told him that they would have surrendered as they had agreed to do at the first summons, but that they saw very well that our savages wished to deceive them for attempts had been made to take them unawares during the parleys; that they had no other answer to give except that the Nations should withdraw; that they would remain quiet in their fort, and that in the Spring they would come to Detroit or to the river St Joseph. The matter ended there, but as the hurons have lost three men on this occasion, if the Renards do not forestall them by surrendering as they have promised to do, the former will not fail to return to attack them.

One of the huron chiefs is to come to Montreal this summer to Invite our Iroquois, and the Lorette hurons¹ to Join them in order to completely end The matter.

¹The Lorette Hurons were a village of the Christian Indians of that tribe, established (1697) at the Jesuit mission of Lorette, eight miles from Quebec. These mission Indians were much employed in the Canadian wars. The village and mission still exist.—Ed.