

the necessary precautions, by means of the Nations that are faithful to us, to bring the remnant of the Renards to Montreal, or to destroy them if they refuse to submit to it. The decision taken by the Sieur de Beauharnois in this Regard is not based upon any anxiety that the few remaining Renards may cause; but as they are all assembled at la Baye and so slight a matter occupies the attention of all the nations which are desirous of Exterminating the race, the Sieur de Beauharnois has thought that it could easily be effected through the Sieur de Villiers; all the more so that the Nations up there can be more usefully employed in attacking the Chicachas, without Allowing them to prolong a war against the Renards, of which there will probably no longer be any question, and which might have lasted a long time had the task of putting an end to it Been left to the savages. The Sieur de Beauharnois ventures to hope that His Majesty will be pleased to approve of his conduct and that He will be no less satisfied with what he will do Regarding the Chicachas.

He has the honor to call your attention, Monseigneur, to what is pointed out to him by the King's memorial Respecting the Chawanons. He Was greatly flattered on learning that His Majesty Was satisfied with the accord that reigned between this Nation, the hurons, the Miamis, and the Ouiatanons. He has the honor to communicate to you, Monseigneur, the reasons that compelled him to send the Sieur Desnoyelles to the Miamis—a party of whom had Established themselves at the Rivière blanche and two others: one on the upper part of the Kiépigon River and the other between the River St Joseph and the Miamis—to bring them back to their Village,¹ and to Induce the Chawanons to kindle their fire there in accordance with the

¹This village of the Miami was situated upon the Maumee River, and known by the name of Kekionga. "Rivière blanche" was a title bestowed by the French upon several clear rivers. This was either the Sandusky, or the Little Miami, both of which are called by this name on early maps; more probably, it was the former. The Kiepigon was probably the present White River, of Indiana; on the earliest edition of Franquelin's map, this is named "Orapigianing;" later it was known as River St. Anne.—Eb.