

1733: SAUK DEFEND FOXES AND KILL THE FRENCH

[Letter of Beauharnois and Hocquart to the French Minister, dated Nov. 11, 1733. Source, same as preceding document, but vol. 60, c. 11, fol. 297.]

MONSEIGNEUR—Monsieur De Beauharnois had the honor by his letter of the first of July last to inform you of the orders that he had given to the Sieur De Villiers whom he had sent back as Commandant at la Baye, and of the manner in which he was to act regarding the Renards. The result has not fulfilled our expectations.

The Sieur De Villiers, the younger, an Ensign in the Troops, who has succeeded to the Command of that Post through the death of his Father, has sent one of his brothers and The Sieur Douville<sup>1</sup> with Letters giving us the particulars of what happened in the month of September last at the Post of La Baye.

Monsieur De Villiers, the Commandant of that Post arrived there on The 16th of the said month of September alone in his Canoe. He had left at a distance of half a League from there The Sieur De Repentigny,<sup>2</sup> a Lieutenant, who was Commandant at Missilimakinac, together with 200 Savages; Outawacs, folles avoines, and sauteux, and about 60 French. The Sieur De Villiers had given Him orders to be ready to march as soon as he heard The signal of 3 gun-shots and he had also detached his son, The Ensign, with 10 Frenchmen and 50 Savages to the petit Cacalin,<sup>3</sup> a passage by which the Renards might escape.

When Monsieur De Villiers arrived at the French fort, he at once sent for The Saki Chiefs to inform Them of Their father's

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<sup>1</sup>The ensign was probably Louis Coulon de Villiers, called "*le grand Villiers*;" for his biography, see *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, v, p. 119. Alexandre Dagneau, Sieur Douville, was married to Marie Coulon de Villiers in 1730.—Ed.

<sup>2</sup>Probably the elder son of Pierre de Gardeur de Repentigny, who accompanied Duluth (see *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, xvi, pp. 119, 123); and elder brother of the Repentigny who later commanded at Mackinac.—Ed.

<sup>3</sup>Now called Little Kaukauna, in Brown County, Wis., about ten miles above the present city of Green Bay, on Fox River.—Ed.