

quart and myself jointly of his intentions Regarding what concerns each nation. I have seen what His Majesty is pleased to point out to me on this Subject, and I venture to assure him that this matter has always received my chief attention since I have Been in this Colony. You will Observe, Monseigneur, by our reply to the King's memorial, the measures that I continue to take to restore tranquillity in the upper Country.

It would have been difficult for me to forestall the events that gave rise to the troubles there in connection with the Sakis and Renards, and after having had the honor of informing you by our joint letter of the 11th of November last of what had caused the unfortunate affair of la Baye, I would add that it should be attributed less to the remnant of the Renard nation, than to the slight precautions observed by the Sieur de Villiers on that occasion. What I had had the honor of telling you, Monseigneur, in the preceding years, respecting the condition to which the Renards were reduced, was authentic; and there was no reason to think that so small a number as those that remained and implored mercy on all sides, could cause any trouble in the upper Country, especially after the assurance I had received, as I had the honor of informing you, that the Remainder of that Nation, after trying in vain to effect an alliance with all the other nations, who had refused them, saw no other way of saving their lives than by coming and throwing themselves on their Father's mercy. Nevertheless, although this information came to me from all sides, and, moreover, appearances gave me no reason to suspect anything else, still, the inconstancy of the savages and the little reliance that can be placed in their promises led me to think of the measures that should be taken to prevent the consequences that might result from that affair, in the event of the Renards succeeding in corrupting some nations, and in finding a refuge among them.

To that end I had ordered the Sieur de Villiers by special instructions to take every proper precaution, through the nations that are faithful to us, to bring in the remainder of the Renards, or to destroy them if he could not succeed in doing so. I had expressly recommended to him before attempting any-