

as to keep them away from the snares that the English might set for them.

The *Sieur de Noyelles* has faithfully Performed the task with which the *Sieur de Beauharnois* had entrusted him of once more gathering the scattered *Miamis* in their Village. They Are there at present, And the *Sieur Darnaud*¹ who commands the post, has excellently seconded him in this matter.

An event occurred in the Village of the *Oüiatanons*, where the *Sieur de l' Epernanche*² commands, which at first gave rise to considerable disorder. Two young men—one a Frenchman, the other a Savage, fought together. The Frenchman had the advantage. The Savage went for his comrades who assembled tumultuously, struck some blows with their knives, and pillaged all the French at the Post, without however any murder being committed. The *Sieur de L'Epernanche* who was 2 or 3 arpents from there, was informed of it, but he was unable to remedy the matter, and when he saw that he was not in a Position to Overawe the savages, he Sent Expresses to the *Sieur Peau*, the commandant at Detroit, to inform him of what was happening and to ask for assistance. On the arrival of these Expresses, the *Sieur Peau* assembled the French of detroit, who all asked to be allowed to go and obtain satisfaction for this Insult. There were one hundred and Twenty of them. One hundred and fifteen hurons joined them with a large number of outawacs. The *Sieur Darnaud* who was then at detroit whither he had come for Supplies, was given the Command of the party which consisted of 324 men when it reached the *Miamis*. But as he was preparing to proceed to the *ouiatanons* with his detachment He received a Letter from the *Sieur de L'Epernanche* informing him that everything was

¹ *Nicolas-Marie Renaud (d'Arnaud) Davenne*, *Sieur de Desmeloises*, was born in 1696, the son of a wealthy Montreal merchant, who had many dealings with the *coureurs de bois* at Mackinac. In 1722 he married *Angelique Chartier*, daughter of *Lotbinière*. In 1742 he was in command at Fort Frontenac, and died the following year.—Ed.

² *François de l'Espervanche*, *Sieur de Villemure*, a cadet in the troops. He also served under *Jumonville* in 1748.—Ed.