

what decision They have taken nor the place they have selected for their retreat. It is certain that they can find no asylum among any nation either in the Mississippi country or in this. The Ayowais to whom They looked for help have taken a scalp from them. Thus There is reason to presume that when left to the mercy of all the Savages, this nation will be completely exterminated without its being necessary to incur any other expense than that occasioned by the Parties sent against those Savages, which were absolutely needed to make the French name respected among the savages. Though the expedition of the Sieur de Noyelle has not succeeded for the reasons that I have had the honor of explaining to you, his brilliant action has produced a very good effect on the minds of the savages who admit that the courage of the French is able to overcome every obstacle, and that they would seek the enemy at the extremity of the world. Moreover if the Sakis have separated from the Renards and are at la Baye and the River St Joseph, as we have Reason to believe, this is what the Sieur de Noyelle had orders to carry out, and it is in accordance with what you did me the honor of writing to me to employ conciliatory means if possible to induce them to leave the Renards. Had he been compelled to use force, it would have been all the more dangerous that there seems to be no reason to doubt that the alliance of the Sakis with the majority of the savages of the Upper Country would have kindled a war that would have been difficult to stop, and that would have greatly disturbed trade at the posts, and have caused great injury to the Colony.

Such, Monseigneur, is all the information that I can give you respecting the Sieur de Noyelle's expedition. I hope next year to be in a position to tell you of the various attacks that will be made against the remnant of the Renards both by the nations of the Mississippi and by the Savages of this Country. I have urged them all to do so and They seem disposed to exterminate the race. I shall take care to reward the Chiefs of the bands that may go there by honorable presents which, nevertheless, will not be costly, But whose value I shall cause to be appreciated, and which will stimulate the ardor and emulation