

learned that The increase in the number which I Had the honor of mentioning to You as being that of the Renards Remaining at that time, Was due to the fact that all the Savages who had Renards Slaves, had Returned them, and that the tribes supplied them with guns and ammunition.

You may imagine, Monseigneur, that the Savages have their policy as we have Ours, and that they are not greatly pleased at seeing a nation destroyed, for Fear that their turn may come.

They manifest Much ardor towards the French, and act quite differently We have had a Recent proof of This among the Outawois, who have begged for mercy for the Sakis, although they Had an Interest in Avenging the death of their people and of their great chief.

The Savages as a rule greatly fear the French, but they do not love them. All that they manifest towards them is Never Sincere.

You will Observe, Monseigneur, in the Reply to the King's Memorial of one thousand Seven Hundred and thirty four, that the Sieur Denoyelle had orders to pass by Detroit to levy the hurons and other Savages at that post; and that I had ordered him, in His Instructions respecting the request of the Outawois, to grant the Sakis their Lives if they delivered up the Renards to him. He had also orders to consult there with Monsieur Peau, the other Officers, and the tribes, respecting the measures to be taken in accordance with the information he might have. He was extremely Embarrassed by the question put to him at the Council, by the Hurons asking whether he had orders to destroy the Sakis with the Renards, and saying that otherwise they

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concealed from the savages. If the Iroquois had known, that it was desired to pardon the Sakis, they would not have marched; or they would not have been the cause of a division such as that which caused Monsieur de Noyelles's enterprise to fail. 4th. Soldiers are in no wise suitable for a march of six months by land. Incapable of providing their own subsistence, they are a charge upon the savages, which gives rise to complaints. For such expeditions, only Canadians, accustomed to this kind of journeys, should be employed."—Ferland, *Cours d'Histoire du Canada* (Quebec, 1865), ii, p. 441.—Ed.