

would not march. He told them Without other Explanation, that he had orders to Eat up both nations. He Detached two canoes to Send word to the Sieur De Celeron who commanded at Missilimakinac, and to indicate a Rendezvous to Him. He left Detroit to go to the Miamis, and Afterward to the Ouyatanons in order to Keep the Savages away from the River St Joseph where Six cabins of Sakis had taken Refuge. As soon as the hurons arrived among the Kickapoux they held a council with the Iroquois, and said to the Sieur Denoyelle: "Thou hast told us that We should eat the Sakis and the Renards. There are Sakis at the River St Joseph; we will begin by destroying these." In vain did he Remonstrate with the hurons, and tell them the orders he had received; they Would listen to nothing and departed from him in that fashion.

It was not, Monseigneur, the Passage through the country of the miamis that caused the hurons to abandon Him. The Sole reason was that which I have just had the honor of giving You; for it was our settled Savages who asked that they might pass by the lakes that they might more easily procure Food along the Road. The Provisions that we give them previous to their departure when they go to war, are left by them at the Village for the Subsistence of their families, and this cannot be Prevented. Moreover, before leaving la Chine, they had agreed to pass through the country of the miamis in order to induce them to join the expedition. They chanted the war-song with Them at that Place, and it was the miamis whom the Sieur Denoyelle had brought with him to Montreal who were the first to strike the Post at that feast.

If the Sieur Denoyelle did not induce the Savages to march with him, it may be due to the Voyageurs, who no doubt Secretly dissuaded them from it for their own Interests, as has happened several times.

This Affair does not appear, Monseigneur, to have had any regrettable results. On the contrary, the Collar given to the Sakis on my behalf by the Sieur Denoyelle, has had all The effect I could have Hoped.