

those which have Been addressed to me by the chiefs who came down; My Replies; The Words of the Puants; those of the Renard Chiefs on The other Side of the Mississippi; those of the Sakis, and of a Fox Chief In private with four Warriors; And those of the Sakis and Renards Together.¹ By these you will be able to judge, Monseigneur, what we may expect from all the Nations.

The Affair of the Renards, who killed a Frenchman in Illinois, I found a very delicate one. The Sieur Marin has told me that it was a mistake, And that he expected that that Nation would Deliver up the murderer to him, to be brought to Me this Spring. I left him free to act, within his Instructions, according to The circumstances of the Case, And the furtherance of the service. You are aware, Monseigneur, that in the present conditions no other decision was possible. I have Been informed that this Frenchman Was a Soldier, who had deserted from Fort Chartres, and was making his escape. The Sieur Marin has assured me, Monseigneur, that he would bring with him next Summer several scioux Chiefs, as the favorable reception accorded by the Nations among whom they passed to the two who came down would Induce The others to descend.

The Sieur De Celoron Writes me, June 13 last, that the two Scioux, whom the Sieur Marin brought with him, were extremely well received in the village of the Outaois, who said that they would do with pleasure everything that their father Onontio might desire, in order to give tranquillity to the country. He adds that the Scioux were much delighted by this Reception.

If it is possible, Monseigneur, to succeed in making this Nation obedient again, it Will be a great advantage to the upper Country, And to the colony. I am sure that the Sieur Marin will do all in his power to succeed in this, And I have enough Confidence in him to believe that he will accomplish it.

As Regards the Renards And Sakis, the Matter appears to me a more difficult one, because La Baye is no longer as fertile as it Was, And because they regard the Place with suspicion on ac-

¹The first three are missing from the speeches that follow.—ED.