

count of the Things that have happened there. If we absolutely can not bring them to the decision to re-establish themselves there, we will Choose a Place for them in the vicinity, where they can live. I have, however, given orders to the Sieur Marin to make every Effort to Induce them to do as we desire, And to make them come down with the Scioux And the Puants. Next spring, I shall have The honor, Monseigneur, of giving you an Account of everything.

I am with the greatest respect, Monseigneur, Your very humble and very obedient servant

BEAUHARNOIS

QUEBEC, Oct. 12th, 1739.

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*Words of the Puants to the Sieur Marin, assigned to Rock River on the Mississippi, November 17, 1738.*

My Father, we have learned that you Had arrived, which has Led us to Tell you what Has happened in the Course of The Summer.

While we Were down at Montreal, The Renards with some Sakis made War on the Illinois and killed a Frenchman. The Chief of the Band Is a Renard.

We have come to tell you, that if we did not wait for you at the Rock River, it is because we fled in the direction of the Illinois, for fear that the Scioux might come and attack us.

We have learned that our Kinsmen, the Sakis and Renards, had a design to effect a reconciliation with Them, And that they did not want peace with us. This is what forced us to go so far to escape them.

My father, this does not Prevent us from Listening to your words And from doing everything that our father Onontio desires of us.

*Words of two Renard Chiefs of the Band which is on the other side of the Mississippi, November 28, 1738.*

My Father, we have come to Inform you of the mischief which our people have done to the French of the Illinois: they