

dred men; the outaouas of Michilimakinac; the saulteurs and other Savages of Lake Huron, making nearly three hundred men. In a word, Monsieur, our army was composed of nearly twelve hundred savages and four hundred and fifty French, including those whom I enlisted at Michilimakinac. I proceeded to la Baye where we arrived about midnight. I posted a Detachment of Savages on one side of the river and one of French on the other. With the help of some sakis whom I had with me, our French captured three Puants and a Renard, whom I gave to the tribes that they might drink of their Broth. They put them to death on the following Day. On The second day of our march, a poulx Settled among the Puants came to meet us with a flag followed by four men of the village in order to ask if their lives might be spared, the latter did not appear for I would have stopped them. I sent back the poulx to tell them that I had come to Listen to all the Nations, even the Renard in order to keep them there; but the poulx did not return. We continued our march towards the village of the puants, but they had left two or three days in advance of us owing to our having been delayed by the rapids of the river in which most of our canoes were broken. We left shortly afterwards and camped between two villages of the Renards. It was too late to go there. I sent out Scouts and on the Following morning we reached the first village, where we captured an old woman and a young girl whom we questioned; They told us that their people had left in great haste three days before. From there we went to the second village where we captured an old Renard who told us the same thing. We continued on our way and slept at a third village, where we found no one. I summoned all our savages to a Council. Having learned from some scouts that they had found a wide trail, I told them that the nations must make up a large party to follow it for at least two days to See whether they could not discover something; but two things prevented this. Five or six hundred Savages had remained behind at the second village of the Renards, which delayed The matter, moreover the savages asked me for at least two hundred Frenchmen. These were found unfit to