

Speeches, that they came to that officer on the 9th of March at the Rivière à la Roche,¹ to surrender their Bodies and beg their lives of me. He replied that he could decide nothing without Knowing my will. I Conferred with the Sieur Marin on the matter and told him to re-establish peace in the Posts as far as he could and to Induce the Scioux, if possible, to come down next Spring; that this Was the true way to obtain peace, and that that Nation would find no obstacles in the road, as they had covered the dead of the Outaouacs and re-assured their Minds. I have no intention, Monseigneur, of founding New Establishments in their country unless I am Sure of success.

You will see, Monseigneur, by the speeches of the Sakis and Renards, that they seem disposed to do nothing Wrong in future. Their fear of Monsieur de Longueuil's Detachment has Been completely dissipated.² Nevertheless, the Sieur De Noyan Wrote me on the 4th of August, as a piece of News current amongst the Savages, which he did not credit, that the Renards at the time they were Sending their Chiefs and Elders to Montreal with fine messages of obedience and submission, passed by the belle-Rivière [Ohio] and stayed with the Iroquois. Had this Been true, I think I should have Been informed of it.

The Sieur Marin Was dangerously Ill all Winter and a part of the Spring; this Prevented him from Carrying out the orders I had given him in his instructions with reference to the soldier whom the Renards killed Last Year in the Illinois country. As that Nation Had come to me to beg for their lives and assure me of their fidelity, I thought it would not be advisable in the presence of all the Savages to revive a Matter that was past and gone, and regarding which they had offered Excuses, saying that it Was a Mistake. Had he brought me the murderer as he Hoped to do, While granting him his life, I would have reproached them for their Evil deed and made them feel my goodness to Them, for the Nature of the Savages Necessitates great Circumspection.

¹Rock River, an Illinois-Wisconsin tributary of the Mississippi. The same name was often given to the Great Miami.—Ed.

²See *ante*, p. 316, note.—Ed.