

three of Their people, whom the Kaokias had captured.<sup>1</sup> A Half-breed son of a Frenchman and a Savage was killed, apparently by some one of this party of 100 men, for The body was found hacked to pieces near a Sciau Canoe. This happened on May 26, about half a League from pimateoui.

A party of 100 pouteouatamis and Outaouas, with whom other nations had joined returned from the Chicachas, but nothing was accomplished after 80 days of marching. The Peanguichas, on their passage through their country, gave them three prisoners and four Scalps. If they had been willing to believe one of their slaves, they might easily have killed on their route a party of ten of their enemies.

The Outaouas brought two slaves that had been given them by the poux of St. Joseph River, a post under the command of the Sieur Coulon Devilliers, who writes me these last three items of news.

Three bands of Sonountouans came back from the Chicacha country, bringing twelve prisoners and ten scalps; they had lost but one man themselves. They were expecting two other bands July 24, 1741. They are dying of hunger in the Sonountouan territory. The famine, in fact, is general among all the savages of the upper country. Indian corn was worth at Detroit from 40 to 60 livres per Minot.

All The Hurons at Detroit were ill disposed toward the Chicachas, when the Chevalier de Beauharnais arrived there, who was sent by Monsieur the General to induce them to come nearer to Him. He brought three of them with him to select land, and they are to come in great numbers next spring.

There came to Montreal this summer a large deputation from the four iroquois Villages, which (in the Council held with Monsieur the General) begged Him not to listen to evil speeches that might be made, because their father could count on their fidelity in preserving peace. They begged him to

<sup>1</sup>Pimithouy was a town of the Peoria tribe of the Illinois, located near the present city of Peoria. The Kaokias were an Illinois tribe, situated about the village of that name (Cahokia) on the Mississippi.—Ed.