

against the Foxes has been the more readily approved by the Baron de Longueuil, Messrs De la Chassaigne, Lacorne, de Lignery, La Noue and Duplessis-fabert, whom he had assembled at his house, as it appears from all the letters that the Court has written since several years, that it has nothing so much at heart as the destruction of that Indian Nation, which cannot be prevailed on by the presents and good treatment of the French, to live in peace, notwithstanding all its promises. Besides it is notorious that the Foxes have a secret understanding with the Iroquois to secure a retreat among the latter, in case they be obliged to abandon their villages.

They have one already secured among the Sioux of the Prairies, with whom they are allied; so that should they be pre-advised of the design of the French to wage war against them, it would be easy for them to retire to the one or the other, before their passage could be intercepted, or themselves attacked in their villages.

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1741: HURON AND TÊTES PLATES.

[Extract from a letter of Father de la Richarie to Father St. Pé, dated Detroit, June 10, 1741. MS. in archives of Ministère des Colonies, Paris; press mark, "Canada, Corresp. gén., vol. 75, c. 11, fol. 90."]

REVEREND FATHER—Here is now an incident that will prevent reconciliation between the old and the young men: A party of the latter want to break the peace made with the Têtes plates by the elders fifteen years ago. The young men say that it is the alliance with the Têtes plates that has caused the neighboring Nations to hate the hurons; the elders allege that this is only a pretext, and, moreover, that the Têtes plates, far from doing them any injury, have sent their people back to them whenever they captured any who went without cause to kill them in their Villages. The young men rely on what the French have told them, viz: that Monsieur the General would be pleased if they attacked the Têtes plates. If I thought that Monsieur the General, with the counsel of his