

guided by the interest the scioux might take in them, and that next spring we might go and join them by la pointe; that they were to try to send news concerning themselves during the winter to the French in this post, that I would tell Monsieur de Clignancourt,<sup>1</sup> who is to winter here, to give them news about himself in exchange and finally not to Expose themselves unnecessarily. Such, Monsieur, is The mission I have sent to the scioux. The two folles avoines are to return to their village in thirty-five days at the latest. I told Monsieur de la Noüe to send news about himself early in the spring to Michilimakinac, and I ordered my son to Forward the same to Montreal at once, in order that steps may be taken to send off the convoy that is to go to the scioux; I Send herewith, Monsieur, a letter from Monsieur Déliette which informs you of what he has done. Had he marched toward the Oüisconscink with the southern people, the Renards would have been surrounded, but I have had the honor of telling you that those people could not be relied on, after what had already happened. Monsieur the Major will inform you, Monsieur, of many other slight details. We have incurred Expenses at Michilimakinac for canoes, Indian corn, and beads and for repairing arms, and other things. He will also tell you of the unwillingness of the Canadians. I have never been more alive to the necessity of having troops in this country. I beg you, Monsieur, to honor me with your protection with the minister. I may perhaps come down late. I flatter myself that you will be good enough to Write him in my favor. I have never had so much trouble in my life as during the past four months, and I foresee that I shall have a great deal of trouble at Michilimakinac in getting all our French sent down owing to the mutinous spirit and the unwillingness of the voyageurs, together with the fact that most of our canoes are worthless and there are no provisions. I will do everything for the best.

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<sup>1</sup>This was probably Louis Matthieu Damours, Sieur de Clignancourt, born in 1699, married 1730, and dying in 1753. He was present at a council held at Green Bay in 1726. See *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, iii, p. 150.—ED.