

and that they believed the cause might possibly Be the report that had circulated that the Warriors whom they had Sent to Montreal were mere Slaves. They added that some of their chiefs Were ready to go down there if he would take them.

As soon as I was informed of this, Monseigneur, I wrote to the Sieur Marin to ask him what his reason Was for not coming with the Scioux who had asked to be brought here. He replied, under date of August 8, that he had not dared to Leave Them for fear of the Attacks which they might make on different Nations.

In the same Letter he writes me that the Sieur L'Ecuyer¹ had just arrived from la Pointe, and had reported to him that the Sauteux had attacked the Scioux and had killed a great number of them, and that he could not answer for the Results. This, Monseigneur, agrees with what the son of the late Sieur De la Ronde Wrote to me from that Place on the 10th of the same month. He says that the Sauteux, to the Number of ten, have gone among the Scioux this fall and killed eleven of them, men, women and Children, although he did his best with the aid of the Sieur L'Ecuyer to Prevent them from going to war With this Nation. However, nothing could restrain them and they Had set out this spring, 130 in number, and had killed Seven More Scioux. He no longer Hoped to be able to prevent them from going against them.

Otolinois, one of the chiefs of this Nation, who Is the Father-in-law of Pentalouan, came down to Montreal this Summer. After speaking to him of the affair of his Son-in-law, whom he blamed severely, I told him that I had learned that the Sauteux had made an attack On the Scioux, and that he ought to Know that I had granted them their lives, and that this would disturb the peace of the country. I gave him a Collar and some presents for His Nation in order to bar their path.

¹We are unable to identify this person, there being a number of Canadian colonists who bore that name. He may have been a relative of Marin, who in the *Register of Fort Duquesne*, on the occasion of his burial, was entitled "Paul Marin Ecuyer."—Ed.