

The Sieur Coulon de Villiers Wrote me from St. Joseph River, July 9, that a party of 100 men, Scioux and Renards, going to attack the Illinois of Pimitéouy, had passed through the territory of the Sakis, and that the latter had notified them so they might be on their guard. He said he had just received at that Moment a letter from that Place informing him that the natural son of the Sieur Gatineau had Been cut to pieces, half a league from the fort, and that a Scioux Canoe had been found near him. The Sieur Marin has Written me about The same matter.

In another Letter, dated the 29th of the same month, he writes me that he has learned from the Sakis that it was Ouabacha, one of the two Scioux who Had been at Montreal with the Sieur Marin, that had committed this murder, although he had been overwhelmed with favors.

The Mississagués, at the end of Lake Ontario, left this Spring to go to War With the Scioux.

The Sakis and Renard chiefs, Monseigneur, spoke to the Sieur Marin in the presence of the Scioux. They assured him that they were thinking day and night of what their Father Onontio had said to them; that he wished absolutely that they should go and rekindle their fire at la Baye; and they said that they had not failed to repeat this message to their young men; that I had Spread a Mat for them by means of Collars and presents in this Place, where they should live at peace with all the Nations, and that I would never abandon them as long as they Listened to my words.

They said they thoroughly believed all that I had told them but that one party of their Warriors and of their old men Was very much Alarmed by the words of the French who came to Chikagon [Chicago] and to Méolaki [Milwaukee], who had advised them Secretly not to abandon Rock River, saying that if they returned to la Baye, some mischief would be done them. They thought that those who spoke thus had their own interests in view in doing so, but they could never pacify their young men, as long as these Frenchmen kept coming so near to Them with Brandy. They begged the Sieur Marin to inform me of