

their feeling in this matter, and they added that they Were sure they could induce them to come back to their Former village. I immediately Wrote to the Sieur Coulon to Prevent any French from the St. Joseph River from going there to trade, and I have forbidden all voyageurs who have set out for the Illinois to carry on any trade with these Nations, either directly or indirectly, under penalty of Being declared coureurs de bois.

The Puants came down to Montreal this summer. They have nearly all come back to la Baye. Those who Were not there, were to come and join the rest in a short time.

The Sieur Marin wrote me on June 13, that he had, on April 6, stopped a party of Sakis and Renards, who were going to attack a Cabin of folles-avoines, that Were hunting on The Ouisconsin.

He wrote that he had learned that the Illinois had Been warring with the Renards, and that they had taken five Prisoners, whom they had brought back, which had led to a Peace, though he apprehended it would not prove very lasting.

He writes me on August 8 and 16, that he continued to neglect nothing to get the Sakis and Renards back to the place destined for them, but that it seems impossible to bring them to a decision at once, as they still fear the Place because of what has occurred there. He says he had been obliged, at their solicitation, to go to Missilimakinac and request the Commandant to Persuade the Outaouacs and Sauteux, when they go on expeditions, not to pass by la Baye, for fear of the mistakes that occur only too frequently among Them.

And he says, finally, that he expects these two Nations to come and settle again at la Baye, if the French do not go to pass the winter at Chicagou and at Méolaki. He says he will Spare no pains in Executing my orders, and will act so as to maintain peace among all the Nations.

You do me the honor, Monseigneur, of writing to ask me whether he has the necessary Talents for this, saying that you do not see that he has made any very great progress thus far, and that it has been reported to you that he does a great