

ten others on Oct. 15th at the iron mine at the Mouth of the Ouabache.¹

According to the journal of the Sieur de St. Ange,² it seems that, since March 12th of last year up to Aug. 12th, there have been 616 Savages of different Nations who have been on the warpath against the Chicachas, without including the Hurons at Detroit. Their progress has not exceeded 19 prisoners and 16 scalps. The Hurons have taken 25 Slaves and Scalps. If I learn of any further attack made upon them, before the sailing of the last Vessels, I will have the honor of reporting it to you.

You will see, Monseigneur, by the words of the Outaouacs of Missilimakinac and by my answers, which I have had the honor of sending to you by the transport-ship "Canada," and of which I enclose duplicate-copy, that these Savages all assembled at l'arbre croche which is one of the three Places that I had designated, and that it is their purpose not to remove. It is certain, Monseigneur, that their Removal would have been very prejudicial to the Commerce of the Upper Country.

Pendalouan came down with the Sieur de Celoron. He begged me to open his mouth, which he had kept closed since his disgrace. He excused himself as best he could. He repeated that he did not ask me to give back the Medal which I had taken from him, nor to reinstate him in his dignity as chief, but that he begged me only to forget all that had happened. I answered that I was willing on condition that

¹ This refers to the locality on the Mississippi, not far below the mouth of the Ohio, now known as Iron Banks. Jolliet and Marquette noticed the bluff (1763), and remarked on the possibility of a mine at that point; but Father Gravier (1700) gave a discouraging report of the ore. For a good description of the appearance of the bluffs, see "Cuming's Tour" in Thwaites (ed.), *Early Western Travels* (Cleveland, 1904), iv, p. 280.—ED.

² Louis St. Ange, Sieur de Bellerive, was commandant at Vincennes from 1736 to 1764. See his own affidavit to that effect in *Indiana Hist. Soc. Publications*, ii, p. 430.—ED.