

respecting the hurons, it might well happen that they are concerned in the Conspiracy of the Illinois judging by the difficulties the Sieur De Noyan experiences in putting them on the wrong Scent with regard to the Bands they may Raise to strike the Chicachas. And if to these reflections we add the conduct of the Chaouanons, this confirms what I took the Liberty of writing you, namely: that the English make use of every means to succeed in corrupting our savages, sacrificing moreover, in the fulfillment of their design, considerable sums which they distribute in the shape of presents in all the villages which they wish either to attract to them or to unite to the Nations that are our Enemies.

Such, Monseigneur, are the projects against which I have for a long while been contending and to which I will continue to devote special attention in order to thwart them as much as possible.

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From all I have just had the honor of reporting to you, Monseigneur, regarding what has been written me from the various Posts, it may be concluded that, so long as the Chicachas, Chérakis and Natchez are not subdued, the English will seize every opportunity to win over to their interests as many Nations as they can succeed in corrupting.

It is certain, from the Experience I have, that the Savages are much more difficult to restrain than they were before it was decided to destroy those three Nations, and, although I have acted with greater Circumspection toward Them, the solicitations of the English are so pressing and their gifts to them are so great that virtually nothing more remains for me to do than to counteract the influence they have over Them, especially as You have done me the honor of writing me not to have those Hostile nations attacked by the French, without having previously received your orders, and to content myself with getting the Savages to act. This I have Done, and on that occasion I treated the Scioux, Renards, and Sakis with circumspection, to prevent their giving us trouble, and I may add, Monseigneur,