

had brought down; that they intend to send them off immediately with that officer to join M<sup>r</sup> de Rigaud, or to make a special attack, should they not find him. These Indians number about 90, including those who have come down with M<sup>r</sup> de la Corne and the others who have wintered at Montreal.

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July 20th. We are in receipt of letters both from Montreal and Detroit; those from Detroit are very interesting. Chevalier de Longueuil, commanding that post, writes us, on the 23<sup>d</sup> June, that some Hurons of Detroit, belonging to the tribe of the war chief Nicolas, who, some years since, had settled at Sandoské, have killed 5 Frenchmen who were on their return from the post at the White river, and stolen their furs;<sup>1</sup> that all the Indians of the neighborhood, except the Illinois, had formed the design to destroy all the French of Detroit on one of the holidays of Pentecost, and afterwards to go to the fort and subject all to fire and sword; that some Hurons, having struck too soon, the plot had been discovered by a Huron squaw who came to give Chevalier de Longueuil notice of it; that this conspiracy is the fruit of the Belts the English have had distributed among all the tribes by the Iroquois of the 5 Nations; that on this notification he caused all the settlers to retire within the fort in order to be prepared for any new treachery. The Outaouas have spoken at Detroit, and have given assurances that they had no participation in this bad business. Other Hurons of Sastaradzy and Taychatin's<sup>2</sup> tribe came, also, to speak to M<sup>r</sup> de Longueuil, and have, in like manner, assured him that they had no share in the misconduct of Nicolas'

<sup>1</sup>For a full account of the conspiracy instigated by the Huron chief Nicolas, see *Journal of Captain William Trent* (Cincinnati, 1871), edited by Alfred T. Goodman, pp. 15-22. The conspiracy having collapsed in 1748, Nicolas died at his new village in the Illinois country, in the autumn of that year. The White River is an affluent of the Wabash, where a number of Miami were located.—ED.

<sup>2</sup>Sasteradzy, the principal chief of the Huron Nation; Taychatin, another chief, were not present at the attack.—E. B. O'CALLAGHAN.