

was sent last winter with M^r de la Corne; he brought with him 8 or 10 Outaouacs of Detroit, 4 Hurons of the same place, among whom are Sastaredzy and 2 Senecas, and some Hurons of Lorette, who acted this winter as his guides.

Private letters mention the murder of the 5 Frenchmen, with circumstances which show that the Hurons of Sandoské have perpetrated the greatest cruelties on this occasion.

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July 22nd. We answer M^r de Longueuil, informing him in detail of all the precautions he has to take in his future negotiations with all the Detroit tribes for the restoration of peace, if possible. We have great confidence in the adroitness of this officer to place the nations again in our interests. In regard to the Hurons, the General sends Messages whereby M^r de Longueuil is to demand of them the surrender of the murderers, to be disposed of according to his pleasure; meanwhile they must declare against the English, who instigated them to commit this crime; they must attack them, and furnish proofs of their repentance by a great many prisoners; that, otherwise, their father will become their sworn and irreconcilable enemy. We send orders to Montreal to dispatch immediately the canoes for Detroit and the other Southern posts, with the convoy; this is of great consequence in order to place M^r de Longueuil thereby in a position to act. This convoy will take the route by Niagara, where Sieur Dubuisson had orders only to land 20 men of his convoy, to cut wood for the garrison belonging to this fort, and to continue his voyage to Detroit with the remainder of his escort, so as, thereby, to secure the arrival of the canoes. We leave M^r de Longueuil at liberty to retain at his post all the people belonging to this convoy, and even the voyageurs and servants, if there be cause to fear any treachery on the part of the Indians; but he must not take advantage of this permission except in case of absolute necessity, and then it would not be just to subject the voyageurs and farmers to the expense of winter-