

part, contribute as much as will depend on him, to the restoration of everything if possible.

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Aug. 13th. Captain de Noyelle and Sieur de La Verendrie<sup>1</sup> arrive from Michilimakinac, and deliver to the General a letter dated at that post, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July, and addressed to him by Sieur de Noyelle, Jun<sup>r</sup>,<sup>2</sup> commanding in the absence of M<sup>r</sup> de la Corne, Senior, and by other officers, who arrived from the other Upper posts, and happened to be then at Michilimakinac. The General is informed by this letter of the confusion that prevails among all the Nations of that post and neighborhood, Outaouas, Sauteurs, and Mississagués. The Outaouas of Saguinam, have killed 3 Frenchmen who were coming from Detroit to Michilimakinac. Two French canoes, which had gone *en prime* from Montreal to the West Sea, have been attacked by the Sauteurs, about the place called La Cloche,<sup>3</sup> near Lake Michigan; one, containing 8 men, has been wholly defeated; the second, by striking out into the Lake and throwing its cargo overboard, escaped to Michilimakinac. Another Frenchman has been stabbed by the Sauteurs, at a place called La Grosse Ile,<sup>4</sup> only 2 leagues distant from the post. These Indians have offered divers insults and threats at the fort, and in the vicinity; they killed all the horses and other cattle that they could not catch; they designed to surprise the fort, but were discovered, and obliged to leave, by ringing the bell and beating the tap-too, as usual, and even by making some defensive demonstrations. There had been greater reason for presuming bad intentions on the part of

<sup>1</sup> This was La Vérendrye's return from his last voyage of discovery; he died at Quebec in 1749.—Ed.

<sup>2</sup> Charles Joseph des Noyelles, son of Nicolas (for whom see *ante*, p. 112, note 1), was born in 1719 and married at Montreal in 1741. He was an ensign in 1749, and a lieutenant in 1756.—Ed.

<sup>3</sup> An island in Georgian Bay, north of Manitoulin, still called by the same name.—Ed.

<sup>4</sup> An Island immediately north of Mackinaw Island. *Map of St. Mary's Straits, in Charlevoix*.—E. B. O'CALLAGHAN.