

the Indians, inasmuch as a crowd of young men had armed themselves with knives, in a council which had been held at their request, on the 3^d of July, and which terminated in recrimination. The Indians have not been since permitted to enter the fort, except under certain restrictions. Some Frenchmen from Point Chagouamigon, and M^r de Noyelle, Sen^r, on his usual return from the West Sea, arrived a few days after. Certain intelligence had also been received there from Detroit. This reinforcement will somewhat tranquilize the fort, which contained, before this arrival, only 28 men. An Outaoua Indian, named Nequiouamin, arrived on the 2nd of July, at the post, to communicate in secret to the Commandant and the Missionary that the Iroquois, the Huron and the Flathead, had come to an understanding with the English to destroy the French and drive them to the other side of the sea; that the Outaouac of Detroit, is in the plot; that the Poutouatami will coöperate; that the Mississagué and Sauteur are gained over; that the Outaouac of Saguinam, had already struck; that the Outaouac of Michilimakinac, would have taken part against us had it not been for the portion of the village which is in Montreal, and that they would yet possibly declare against us on the arrival of 70 men from Saguinam, who are to be reinforced by the Sauteurs of Grosse Ile; that they were to leave in a few days, and to come in the night to speak to the Outaouas of the post, and that it were well to allow no person to go hunting, and to keep strict watch. M^r de Noyelle, Jun^r, adds that he will detain, until further orders, at Michilimakinac, the canoes which were to come from Montreal to the different posts, unless affairs changed, and it became certain that the dispositions of the Indians at those posts were altered. We are coöperating in the adoption of the most effectual measures, either to restore tranquillity at the post of Michilimakinac, or at least to place it in a proper state of defence against all attacks of the Indians.

15th The confusion prevalent at Michilimakinac being only weighed, we have made the best arrangements possible