

that he is waiting impatiently for the arrival of the fleet, which he thinks to retain for the security of Detroit; that he has learned nothing certain from Sandoské; he has been told that Nicolas was abandoned, but does not believe it. On the contrary, he knows that he is in correspondence with the people of Saguinaw and the Sauteurs to come and surprise Detroit; that, should that happen, Miquinac, an Outaouas chief, will declare against us; he receives daily accounts of the ill dispositions of the Poutecouatamis who will side with the strongest, according to all appearances. The tribe of Quinousaki, an Outaouas, is the only one that remains faithful. Tahaké, a Huron, who was supposed to have died among the English, has returned; he has treated the Nations of Detroit, which has had a very bad effect. The Outaouas and Poutecouatamis, who had promised to go and burn the village on Bois blanc island, are no longer willing to execute that project; they excuse themselves on divers pretexts. It is evident they avoid occasions of giving mutual offence, but he will eventually prevent the enemy seizing that post, which they covet in order to block up the passages on us.

M^r Duplessis, commandant at Niagara, writes the 8th of September, that Sieur Dubuisson has arrived with the convoy which left Montreal for Detroit; the portage was passed very promptly and quietly, except the last night, when some drunken fellows of the guard had gravely ill-treated the Grand Chief of the Senecas, who is very much dissatisfied in consequence; but he has sent Sieur Chabert to the village of the Little Rapid, with something to restore the temper of that Chief; that an Algonkin told Sieur Duplessis that M^r de Longueuil had had a reinforcement of 100 Frenchmen, who must be the traders from the Illinois and other posts. A letter from M. de Longueuil states that he is engaged in the harvest, and that the Indians seem apparently greatly disposed in our favor, but he does not trust them. We expect that the arrival of the convoy will restore tranquility, in one way or the other, to this post.

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Oct. 14th. We receive letters from Michilimakinac informing us of the arrival of Chevalier de La Verendrye, who has