

found that post very quiet; the Outaouas are beginning to be sorry for what occurred last year [summer].

Sieur Denoyelle, the commandant, sends the General the list of those who murdered the Frenchmen, at the entrance to Lake Huron. Two Sauteux Indians, in order to show that they were not guilty, have brought to Sieur Denoyelle their share in the division the murderers made; but, 'tis true, that on perceiving their people pursuing and firing on a canoe, they went in with them and did as the rest.

States that Philippes Le Duc,¹ who arrived at Michilimakinac on the 23rd of August last, had been robbed by the Indians of Camanistigoya, who took from him fourteen packages and 5 fusils; they were collected to the number of 100 and over, at the low lands (aux pays plats)² on Lake Superior, waiting for the French.

Sieur Denoyelle was advised, on the 24th, that the Sauteux had accepted the hatchet from the English, and were to prepare ambuscades in Lake Superior to prevent any Frenchman leaving the next spring. Nevertheless, all the canoes have left for the different posts at the north as usual, keeping one another company until they are past the most dangerous places; they are to rendezvous in the spring to return in the same order.

¹There were two Canadians of this name, uncle and nephew. The former, born in 1671, was married at Montreal in 1699, and died at the same place in 1755; the latter, born in 1694, was married at Montreal in 1750.—Ed.

²Pays Plat was a well-known trading-station on the north shore of Lake Superior, a short distance east of Nipigon River. See "Long's Voyages," in Thwaites, *Early Western Travels*, ii, p. 81.—Ed.