

failed to happen As I had predicted to you. They have succeeded so well in making them their devoted Creatures that it is these same Savages who at their instigation have killed the French at Sandoské; who Wished to Surprise detroit to put those same English there; who, As there is every reason to Believe, have borne their presents, their Collars, and their speeches to all the Savage nations of the Regions of the upper country, and who have Succeeded so well in their negotiations And in making them side with the English, that the Outaouas and Sauteux of Michillimaquiac Wished to Surprise that fort and Massacred several Frenchmen In various Places.

I Beg You to observe, Monseigneur, that the cause of all the ills and agitation of the upper country is due to the English who have been left in peace at la Rivière Blanche; and that all that evil was fomented there.¹ In my memorial I took the liberty of suggesting to Your Grace Effective means for driving them Away from there without occasioning any expenditure to the King either in troops or in money. I should have been pleased to have succeeded. At present the trouble Has become too great, the evil too Wide-spread, and The Savages have declared too openly In favor of the English to allow of its being undertaken.

I have obtained the Knowledge of all this only through Having Charge of the various Savage nations while I was Commandant at Niagara, where I applied myself Solely to Finding out their policy, their various interests, and in discovering their intrigues, and This had led me to foresee that they would be Corrupted And Won over by the English who Trade at la Rivière Blanche, who have no other Object than to Make Them-

¹The Miami had for many years intrigued with English traders, and permitted them the freedom of their towns; in 1725 English from Carolina had built two houses and some stores "on a little river [White] which flows into the Wabash."—*N. Y. Colon. Docs.*, ix, p. 952. The French called various rivers *Rivière Blanche*; this is the one passed by Céloron, a tributary of the Ohio above the Great Miami—probably the Little Miami, although Dunn, *Indiana* (Boston, 1888), p. 65, note 1, identifies it as White Oak Creek, in Brown County, Ohio.—Ed.