

*Blow struck at Michilimackinac.*¹ The 4 Chaouennon deputies who arrived on the 23^d of August, spoke on the 26th; he does not place much reliance on what they said; he had, notwithstanding, treated them well. These Indians have remained long enough at Detroit to discover the thoughts of the other Nations, and the difficulty under which the post labored; they have also been witnesses of a new attack which the Sauteurs of the River Aux Sables, who murdered the Frenchmen at Chibaoenani,² have just made at Detroit within 3-4ths of a league of the fort, where they killed, on the 31st of August, a settler named Martineau³ who had imprudently gone too far into the woods. These murderers, 4 in number, scalped him, and it is asserted, sent, on the part of Mamahoëkisigo, the scalp to the Iroquois with two pieces of cloth from the pillage of Chabaoënani.

The Montreal convoy arrived safe at Detroit on the 22^d of September, escorted by about 150 men, including the merchants and their servants. This relief is the salvation of Detroit, and has apparently made an impression on the Nations.

The Miamis, and perhaps also the Ouyatanons, are in disorder. The former allowed themselves to be gained over by the Belts of Nicolas, who represented to them that Detroit had been razed by the Lake tribes; that consequently they could no longer defer killing the French who were among them. The Miamis have listened to this message. They, first, seized eight Frenchmen who were in the fort of that post, whom, however, they did not injure; they afterwards seized the property and burnt a portion of the buildings. Two of the 8 Frenchmen whom the Miamis had allowed to leave uninjured, arrived at Detroit on the 7th of October.

On the arrival of the convoy, M^r de Longueuil being ignorant of what was going on at the Miamis, and wishing to be informed

¹The context shows that this should be Detroit.—Ed.

²The island of La Cloche; see *ante*, p. 462, note 3, and *N. Y. Colon. Docs.*, x, p. 183.—Ed.

³Pierre Martineau, born in Montreal, son of Jean Philippe, *dit* St. Onge.—Ed.