

ber. The apprehended scarcity of provisions has obliged him to discharge some men whom he would, nevertheless, require. The affairs of that post are no better improved than when he wrote on the 22nd of October last. This officer has no news from the Hurons, Miamis or from the Ouabache; he is expecting the messengers he has sent thither, and who are greatly behind their time. He calculated, however, on sending Ensign Belestre off immediately, with an escort of 12 Frenchmen, for the post on the River St. Joseph, which he is to command; also, to send off Sieur Lapeyrade, with a like escort, for the Ouyatanons, and a similar detachment for the Illinois; all overland.

M^r de Longueuil states that he is unsuccessful, for the fourth time, in sending some Huron deputies to Sandosket; does not know what will be the result of these goings and comings; he thinks that the Hurons are seeking only to procrastinate matters so as to be able to surprise Detroit, by means of reinforcements they are expecting from their allies, and to gain time to take refuge in some place at a distance from the danger that menaces them. That officer transmits to us the message which Mikinac, the Outaouas chief, and Ononguisset, the Pouteouatamis chief, communicated to him, on the part of their villages, for the Marquis de La Galissonnière, confirmation of which they send by the two deputies of these Nations. By this message these two chiefs demand that a hundred Frenchmen and Indians be sent to Detroit in the middle of winter; the Indians to be selected from those who are not in alliance with the Nations of that post, so that their conduct may not be any obstacle to their design of reducing the Huron, who seems inclined to persist in his evil intentions. Mikinac, speaking on the part of the Outaouas Nation, which has invited the Huron, says, that though it forms a separate part of the village of Detroit, he undertakes, by the Belts he will send in the course of the winter to all the chiefs of that Nation, to make the guilty return to their duty and determine on asking pardon. They add, by these messages, a request, if the 100 Frenchmen and Indians be accorded to them, that the