

which was granted them by M^r de Longueuil, agreeably to the orders he had from M^r de Beauharnois, and more especially in consequence of his small force and the necessity he was under of living. Very mild conditions were annexed to this peace, but whilst it was yet negotiating, and when all, except Chev. de Longueuil, considered it certain, a party, which was not ignorant of the negotiations, even made an attempt, in the immediate vicinity of Detroit, to carry off a French canoe; three men who composed the entire crew, were wounded. On receipt of the news, Chev. de Longueuil sent off a detachment, under the command of M^r de Beletre, who conducted himself with so much bravery, promptness and precaution, that he effected, without the loss of a man, the capture of the five who perpetrated the attack.

Of these five wretches, one was killed on arriving at Detroit, a second cut his throat in prison, and the remaining three were given up on the urgent solicitation and every possible submission on the part of the Hurons and their protectors, both Indian and French, who represented that this favor would indubitably bring back the Hurons of Sanduskee; but as soon as they received the prisoners they quitted the post, where they did not consider themselves safe, and withdrew towards the Beautiful river; thence they sent out emissaries everywhere to induce the Nations to revolt.¹ A great many, however, returned to Detroit, but whether they are to be regarded as penitents or spies, there is no knowing.

I spoke in other letters of the Chaouanons² and Illinois. The Pouteoutamis of St. Joseph participated in all these movements only by offers of service and protestations of fidelity, which I have every reason to consider real and sincere.

On three or four occasions, during the winter and spring, I received letters from M. de Longueuil, and some ambassadors

¹ For the negotiations of this band of Huron (Wyandot) with the English, see "Weiser's Journal," in Thwaites, *Early Western Travels*, i, pp. 29-31.—Ed.

² For the intrigues of the Shawnee with the English, see *Penn. Colon. Recs.*, v, pp. 311, 314-316.—Ed.