

trees and everything in the Vicinity removed that might give any advantage to an assailant.¹

On the tenth of September, the puants returned from a Hunting expedition, and at once came to tell me that they would again repeat the same promise they had already given to their father Onontiô last year, and that they would add a second by a few words, which they explained to me at the time by three Slaves, saying: "We all come here, my father, to make thee understand clearly that the blow we have just struck at the renard in concert with our brothers, the folles avoines and Outaouoys, is a convincing proof of the fidelity we have promised our father Onontiô, as his submissive and obedient children, and that nothing can change our Hearts."

They also presented me at the same time, with three other Slaves whom they told me they had intended to give Monsieur The Commandant of Missilimakinac, as one of their nearest fathers, that he might have pity on them in the pressing need in which they were of all things in general and, in particular, of powder, Bullets, hatchets, guns, and knives; but, inasmuch as they saw in me a man Sent by Onontiô, their true father, to govern and assist them in their necessities, they begged me to accept the slaves from them and at the same time to Consider the state of Extreme penury in which they Were, being in need of everything. To this I replied at once by giving them what they most needed.

Some days afterwards, the puants went to la Baye with their families to live, and Left them there while they proceeded to find out whether the renard was not in their country, and to ascertain whether he had ravaged their Corn-fields. They found, that everything was in almost the same Condition that they had left It, and that the Renard had withdrawn. This Induced them to come back to la Baye for their families, and return to

¹De Lignery having destroyed the fort at Green Bay, which was not rebuilt until 1732 (see *post*), Marin appears to have repaired a French trading post at the Menominee Indian village on the west side of Green Bay, near Menominee River.—Ed.