

for the purpose of obtaining peace. In fact, there was nothing else to be done than to feign a belief in their assurances to you that they had changed. But, although, from the manner in which you write me that they have since behaved, one might deem their dispositions sincere, nevertheless it is advisable to continue to have them carefully watched, so that, by being informed of their movements, you may always be in a position to provide for whatever may be necessary. As the Renards and Sakis are partly re-assembled at the place indicated to them by the Sieur Marin,⁸ it will not be difficult to watch their conduct; and His Majesty relies on your having taken all possible precautions for this.

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With regard to the Chaoüanons, it is necessary to wait and see the results of the promises they made you respecting their migration to the Prairie of the Mascoutins;⁹ and, if they carry out such migration, the only thing will be to take measures to induce them to establish themselves there in such a permanent manner that there will no longer be any fear of a new move on their part. It will be no less necessary to forestall the effects of the solicitations which the English will not fail to make use of with that view; and this calls for special attention on your part.

In the last letters I have received from Monsieur de Vaudreuil, he informs me that the Chikachas had sent some of their chiefs to him to sue for peace; and as, in order to make such peace a lasting one, it was proposed to include in it the Cherakis, who for some years have been making incursions against the colony of Louisiana, Monsieur de Vaudreuil had communicated to you the dispositions it would be necessary to make for that purpose on the part of Canada; and you will no doubt have governed yourself by what he wrote you on the

⁸ For a sketch of this officer see *Ibid.*, p. 315. Some additional data is to be found in *Canada Roy. Soc. Proc.*, 2nd series, x, pp. 25-30.—ED.

⁹ The Prairie of the Mascoutin was near the Ouiatanon fort. See *Mich. Pion. and Hist. Colls.*, xxxiv, p. 208.—ED.