

those who trade in the northern region, and, for such purpose, have had the land there cleared, as it is very suitable for growing Indian corn, and thereby may provide the food required for the people of the said post and also for the needs of the voyageurs.

The said *Sieur de Repentigny* has fulfilled on all points the first purposes of my orders.

On his arrival at *Missilimakinac* the chief of the Savages of *Sault Ste Marie* handed him four branches of porcelain, and begged him to send them to me to show me how much they appreciate my attention in sending them the *Sieur Chevalier de Repentigny*, whom they had already adopted as their nephew (this is a mark of distinction for an officer, among the savages). In order to inform them of my will in all cases, and to direct their steps and actions.

I gave orders, to the said *Sieur de Repentigny* to reply to the message of that chief by the same number of branches of porcelain, and to assure him and his nation of my satisfaction with their good disposition.

The savages received him at *Sault Ste. Marie* with much joy. He kindled my fire in the village by a collar which the savages received with sentiments of gratitude.

He strove at first to win over the more suspicious of those savages.

One *Tocoouagané* confided to him that there was a collar in the village sent by the English. The *Sieur de Repentigny* succeeded in getting that collar that had been in the village for five years, and had been asked for in vain until then. That collar was carried to all the *Saulteux* villages, and to the others south and north of *Lake Superior* to induce all those nations to enter into the conspiracy planned between the English and the Five nations, after which it was placed and kept deposited at *Sault Ste. Marie*. Fortunately for us, the conspiracy was revealed and had no result.

The *Sieur de Repentigny* sent me that collar with the message of *Apaequois*, a *Missisagué* of the village at the head of