

Two days afterwards the Pianguichias killed two slaves in sight of Fort Vincenne.

The murder of these nine Frenchmen and these two slaves is but too certain.

M^r de Joncaire was informed by the late M^r de la Jonquière, by a letter of the 6th of September, that he had been assured by a party of the warriors, that the Flatheads had scalped three Frenchmen at a place called *La Chutte*, in the lower part of the Beautiful river,⁵⁹ and took a fourth Frenchman prisoner, whom they delivered, with the scalps, to the English; this news may be false, though there is reason to believe that it is true.

I expect nothing less than to learn by accounts I shall receive this spring, that other Frenchmen have been killed. The advices I have received from all quarters leave me no doubt on this head.

M^r Desligneris thinks that many of the Ouyatanons, who form with the Pianguichias and the Miamis but one Nation, may join them.

A Squaw, the widow of one of the Frenchmen who had been killed at the Vermillion, has reported to M^r Desligneris that the Pianguichias, Illinois and Osages were to assemble at the Prairies of * * * the place where the Messrs. de Villiers and de Noyelle attacked the Foxes about twenty years ago,⁶⁰ and when they had built a fort to secure their families, were to make a general attack on all the French.

'Twas also reported to M^r Desligneris that a Pouteouatami chief, of the River St. Joseph, being at the Ouyatanons in the fall with letters for him, whilst he was at the Miamis, told a Pianguichas chief, privately, that his Nation would never accept the tomahawk to strike the Miamis. This assurance may greatly have emboldened the Miamis.

M^r de Joncaire writes, on the 30th of August, that he had

⁵⁹ The falls of the Ohio, where is now the city of Louisville, Ky.—Ed.

⁶⁰ For this affair see *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, xvii, pp. 109-120, 129, 130.—Ed