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ally, throughout the localities inhabited by our rebels. It would be fully as good as an army.

Before the smallpox broke out at Detroit, 40 persons died belonging to the village of the Outtauois, and almost as many at the Pouteouatamis.

Kinousaki is likewise dead. We lose a chief who was, apparently, much attached to the French.

Mr. de Celoron has again been told that the remainder of the fugitive Hurons will retire to Detroit this spring. The contagious disease will contribute a great deal to their return.

You are fully informed, my Lord, by the detail that I have just had the honor to submit to you:

1st That the expedition which Mr de Celoron was ordered to get up, did not take place.

2nd That the promises the Indians had made to the late Mr de la Jonquière were feigned, and that they are more in favor of our rebels than of us.

3d That the attack of the Nepissings has only rendered our rebels more dangerous.

4th That the Miamis have scalped two soldiers.

5th That the Pianguichias have killed 7 Frenchmen and two slaves.

6th That the same Nation had, shortly before, killed another Frenchman and two slaves.

7th That, according to what has been stated to M. de Joncaire, the Flatheads have scalped three Frenchmen and taken a 4th whom they delivered to the English with said scalps.

8th That we are menaced with a general conspiracy.

9th That we must fear even for Toronto.

10th That the English are the indirect authors of the murder of the French.

11th That famine at Detroit and its dependencies is quasi certain.

12th That smallpox is ravaging the whole of that Continent. You perceive, my Lord, the sorrowful condition of the entire of that Upper Country.