

1758: DISTURBANCE AT LA BAYE

[Reports from several sources of an emeute at the post of La Baye. The first, reprinted from *N. Y. Colon. Docs.*, x, p. 840.]

May 16th. News from all the Upper posts. * * *
The Commandant of Detroit is dying;⁵⁴ the Five Nations go rarely to Niagara; there is a little fermentation and discontent against us among the Indians of St. Joseph, the Mianis, and Outias [Ouiatanon]. The Folles Avoins have killed eleven Canadians at The Bay; missed the Commandant and pillaged a storehouse. A great many Indians have died at Michilimakinac. The Commandant of Louisiana writes that they have had no ships from France for two years, and that he is greatly embarrassed having nothing to give the Nations.

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We learned about this time [early in May], by a courier from Niagara, that the Indians called *Folles-Avoines*, had killed twenty-two French, and pillaged the magazine of the post at La Baye. They will soon make reparation for what they have done.

[Letter from Montcalm, dated Montreal, May 15, 1758. Translated from the *Lévis MSS.*, v, p. 247.]

Letters come from the Illinois, la baie, Saint-Joseph, Louisiana, and none from Belle Rivière. That which is to be

⁵⁴ This was Sieur de Muy, for whom see *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, xvii, p. 183. His death is there given too early; it occurred May 18, 1758. He was second in command at Detroit under Céloron, being appointed chief commandant and major in 1755.—ED.