

deplored is that the Iowa⁵⁵ have struck us at la Baie, and slain twenty-two Frenchmen, and the Commandant has shown himself inept through fear. Also towards the Illinois several savages have killed Frenchmen and made an officer prisoner.

[Entry in Montcalm's journal, dated Aug. 13, 1758. Translated from *Lévis MSS.*, vii, p. 432.]

The Folles Avoines have sent as prisoners to Montreal the seven savages of their nation, who this winter have assassinated a French family at la Baie. Three of them have been shot on the town square, and the other four must go to the war and expose themselves to danger [*jeter leur corps*] in order to expiate their crime. This submission of an independent nation more than five hundred leagues distant, does great honor to the French name.

1758: EXCESSIVE EXPENDITURE

[Letter in cipher, from the French minister to Vaudreuil and Bigot, dated Sept. 23, 1758. MS. in Archives Coloniales, Paris; pressmark, "série B, vol. 107, fol. 53."]

VERSAILLES, September 23, 1758.

MESSIEURS—The opportunity afforded by a merchant ship about to sail from Brest and which expects to reach the entrance of the river before the ice forms, leaves me only time to acknowledge the receipt of all the letters you sent me by the frigate la Valeur. I put off answering each one in particular until I have received those I expect by the last vessels you will send off this autumn, but I cannot conceal from you how I have been struck by the excessive expenditure of the Colony,

⁵⁵ Mistake of Avoines (from Folles Avoines) for Ayoues (Iowa). It was a Menominee uprising.—Eb.