

cabins to request those Savages to come and speak with me. They brought them and I engaged them to come with me to the village of la Demoiselle, where I was about to go to carry the message of their father Onontio. They consented to this and asked me to wait until the morrow in order to give them time to go and prepare for their journey. There are in this same village two cabins of Sonnantouans; the policy of these tribes is to always have some of the latter with them who are shields for them. I engaged one of the Sonnantouans who speaks miami well to come with me to the home of la Demoiselle. I had need of him, having no interpreter for that language, and I had matters of consequence to treat of with the Miami chief.

The 29th I wrote to Monsieur Raimond,<sup>83</sup> captain and commandant at the Miami fort, and begged him to send me a certain Roy, an interpreter,<sup>84</sup> with as many horses as he possibly could to transport our baggage over a portage fifty leagues in length.

The 30th, the Savages of White River having come, I embarked in order to arrive at Rock River, at whose mouth I had a leaden plate buried and the arms of the King attached to a tree, concerning which I drew up an official report.<sup>85</sup>

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The next year he was commandant at Niagara, and in 1756 distinguished himself in the capture of Fort Oswego. His last campaign was that of Fort William Henry, for which he received the decoration of the cross of St. Louis. Dying of smallpox Nov. 2, 1757, he was buried in the cathedral at Quebec.—Ed.

<sup>83</sup> For the services of Captain Raymond see *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, xvii, p. 477.—Ed.

<sup>84</sup> Pierre Roy, alleged to have been the first white man to settle on the site of Detroit, married (1703) a Miami Indian woman named Marguerite Ouabankikoue. They had two sons, Pierre being born in 1706, and François in 1713. Probably the interpreter here desired, was one of these sons.—Ed.

<sup>85</sup> Great Miami River was, Bonnécamps says, also called Rock River, because of its rocky bed. As far as known no trace of this leaden plate has been found.—Ed.