

The 13th I arrived at the village of la Demoiselle,⁸⁸ I had my camp pitched and sentinels placed, and awaited the arrival of the interpreter that I had requested of Monsieur de Raimond. During this time I sounded their minds to know if they were disposed to return to Kiskanon, this is the name of their ancient village.⁸⁹ It seemed to me that they had no great repugnance to this. They had two English engagés in their village whom I made depart. Those who had passed the summer in trading there had already gone away with their effects by the land route; they have paths of communication from one village to the other.

The 17th, annoyed that the interpreter had not arrived and that my provisions were being consumed in waiting, I determined to speak with la Demoiselle by means of an Iroquois who spoke miami well. I showed them the magnificent presents on the part of Monsieur the General,⁹⁰ in order to induce them to return to their village and explained to them his intentions in the following terms:

Words of Monsieur the General to the Miamis of la Demoiselle, established on Rock River, and to le Baril established on White River, brought by Monsieur de Céloron, the 17th of September, 1749, by eight branches of porcelain for the two villages.

“My children, the manner that I have treated you, spite of what you have done to the French, what I have given you to

⁸⁸ For this village see *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, xvii, p. 482. The exact site was at the mouth of Loramie's Creek, on the west side of the Great Miami. Some traces thereof were seen as late as 1790. At the time of Céloron's visit there were but forty or fifty warriors at this village. Its subsequent history will be related *post.*—Ed.

⁸⁹ For the location of this village, which was also the site of the Miami French post, see *Ibid.*, pp. 131, 185.—Ed.

⁹⁰ See the Miami report of these presents to Gov. James Hamilton of Pennsylvania, in A. T. Goodman, *Journal of Captain William Trent* (Cincinnati, 1871), p. 27: “The French brought them a present, consisting of four half barrels of powder, four bags of bullets, and four bags of paint, with a few needles, and a little thread.”—Ed.