

me and relight their fires, and replace their mats at Kiskakon. In this I could not succeed. They kept saying always and assuring me that they would return next spring.

The 20th, all was ready for our departure; we broke camp. After having burned our canoes, of which we could no longer make use, we set out to march by land, each one carrying his own provisions and baggage, except Messieurs the officers, for whom I had procured horses and several men to carry their loads. I had arranged all my men in four companies, of which each had an officer at the right and one at the left. I conducted the right and Monsieur de Contreœur the left. We took only five and a half days to cover that route, which is estimated to be fifty leagues in length.⁹²

The 25th, I arrived at Monsieur de Raymond's, who commands at Kiskakon; I stayed only time enough to buy provisions and pirogues to convey me to Détroit.

The 26th I had le Pied Froid, chief of the Miamis established at Kiskakon, and certain other prominent men come to me to whom I repeated in the presence of Monsieur Raymond and the officers of our detachments, what I had said at the village of la Demoiselle and the replies I had had. After having listened with much attention, he arose and said to me: "I hope I am mistaken, but I am sufficiently attached to the interests of the French to say that la Demoiselle lies. My chief chagrin is to be the only one who loves you, and to see all the nations of the South exasperated against the French."⁹³

The 27th, I left Monsieur de Raymond's. Not having enough pirogues for all my people, one party went by land under conduct of several officers and of the Savages who were to guide them through the woods. I spent eight days in passing to the foot of the Détroit straits where I arrived the 6th of October. I found canoes and provisions for my detach-

⁹² Father Bonnécamps makes estimate of thirty-five leagues, crossing the river (Loramie's Creek) three times, and at a little more than half way beginning to follow the Maumee River.—ED.

⁹³ For this chief see *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, xvii, p. 482.—ED.