

those who are domiciled with us. This is what I discovered a few days ago:

The rebel<sup>97</sup> had A Collar given by the Ouyatanons to One named pedagogue, and An English flag to his brother who is of the family of the Rouansas, the first Chiefs of the ylinois.<sup>98</sup> That message Was Received and sent to the Kaoskias, who Agreed to it. It Was also Sent to the peorias.<sup>99</sup> The Answer has not Yet Come. La Mouche Noire, who Is a pianguichias chief, is expected Here this spring. He is to bring a Collar as a last message to Carry out the Conspiracy, according to what I have been told. La demoiselle is to Come with his people, and Those of Ceniôteaux<sup>1</sup> to take, in passing, the miamis, the Ouyâtanons, and the pianguichias, that they may all join with our domiciled savages to attack us. There is a Rumor also that our domiciled savages are Inducing the missouris and ôsages to Unite with them. We have only two not very large Bands who do not Consent to this, but they will be compelled by force to declare themselves. When the Blow is struck they are to go and get the English and bring them Here. La demoiselle has given them to understand that they will get goods Cheap.

I beg You, Monsieur, to give me Notice if You See that the Nations of Your Section are in Motion, so that I may be able to parry the blow and do you keep on Your guard. On my Part I will have recourse to Surprise.

Last summer we Had three Frenchmen killed on the

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<sup>97</sup> This may be a proper name (*Le mutin*), but quite probably it designates the chief of the conspirators, whom the commandant calls "the rebel."—Ed.

<sup>98</sup> At the beginning of the eighteenth century, Rouensa was head chief of the Kaskaskia Indians. At his village, called Rouensac, was founded the Jesuit mission that became the nucleus of the town of Kaskaskia.—Ed.

<sup>99</sup> The Kaoskias (Cahokia) and Peoria were Illinois tribes living near the respective villages bearing their names.—Ed.

<sup>1</sup> Another form for the word Scioto, referring to the town at the mouth of that river.—Ed.