

of infantry; and I likewise informed you of the importance of all the objects of his mission.

The said *Sieur Marin*, in obedience to my orders, proceeded to *la Baye* where he re-established harmony between the nations of that post and the *Sioux*.

Neither among the *folles avoines* nor among the *Puants*, did he find any of those worthless and troublesome individuals who have been in the habit of taking refuge there. He told them that they must not harbor any more of them. Those nations replied that, as they could not drive them away by force without exposing themselves to quarrels, they would notify them of my intentions and urge them to withdraw to their own villages.

A numerous band of *Puants* went on the war-path against the *Missouris* at the beginning of the month of *March*. They left without the knowledge of the *Sieur Marin*, having kept their plans very secret. I hope that, on their return, he will induce them to stop the war and to make peace.

The *folle avoine* chief called *la Mothe*,¹⁵ who came to see me in *Montreal*, promised me he would make every effort to stop those bands. I append a copy of his words and of my replies.

Several other war parties had been formed to attack the said *Missouris*, but fortunately the *Sieur Marin* heard of it at the beginning of the spring and, with the assistance of a *folle avoine* chief, he stopped the bands. He also succeeded so well in appeasing those nations that the *folles avoines*, in their regret at having formed those bands against my will,

¹⁵ In *King George's War*, *La Mothe* led a raid against *Albany*; see *N. Y. Colon. Docs*, x, p. 122. He founded a prominent family of *Menominee* chiefs, who probably took their name from some connection with *La Mothe Cadillac*. *La Mothe* served under the French in the *Seven Years' War*, being conspicuous in the siege of *Fort William Henry* (1757). A chief of that name joined the Americans against *Black Hawk* in 1832, and signed the treaty of 1848. He was known as the second chief of the nation, and leader of the *Roman Catholic* party in the tribe.—Ed.