

wanted to strangle a Saulteux of la grosse Isle who had induced them to take that step.

An Outaouois and a Saulteux of Missilimakinack brought English Brandy to those nations. The Sieur Marin seized their casks, as it was to be presumed that this was a present given them by the English. I wrote to Monsieur Duplessis Fabert on the subject who will inform those savages of my displeasure regarding their action.

The Sieur Marin went to the Sioux country, where he explained to them my speech and my intentions.

He was very well received by that nation. It is at peace with the Saulteux, folles avoines, and other nations that wintered on its lands.

A prairie Sioux, while on the war-path against the Illinois, within the past few years, killed a Frenchman called Marin Urtubize.¹⁶ The Sieur Marin wanted to have the murderer delivered over to him. The nation made every possible apology; it had driven away the murderer and it was not known what has become of him.

The Sioux handed over to the Sieur Marin the son of the Christinos chief whom they had held captive for some years. The young man did not wish to leave that nation. The Sieur Marin will do his best this year to persuade him to return to his country and the Sioux chiefs not to keep him among them. He will send him back to Monsieur de St. Pierre.¹⁷ I hope the Sioux will not hesitate to conclude their peace with the Cris-

¹⁶ Edward D. Neill, in *Macalester College Contributions*, i, p. 215, notes a probable descendant of this man at Prairie du Chien in 1815. A Pierre Hurtubize is mentioned in Mackinac Register, *post.*—Ed.

¹⁷ It was not until 1753 that this captive was finally returned to his own people. St. Pierre writes, July 10 of that year: "I found at the lake of the Woods, with the Cristinaux of that post, two of their people, who had been a long time prisoners among the Sioux of the Rivers and of the Lakes, who had sent them back to carry their message to the Cristinaux in order to prove to them their great desire to live in concord with them."—Margry, *Découvertes et Établissements*, vi, p. 650.—Ed.