

while passing through a village of that nation by a Peoria with whom he had had a quarrel on account of a young man, the son of a Peoria and a relative of him who struck the blow. At first the Peoria nation went to speak to Monsieur de St. Clin to try smooth over the matter. He wrote at once to the commandant at St. Joseph to strive on his part to bring about a reconciliation between the two nations, pointing out to him that the Poutetouatamis was a very worthless and troublesome individual, and that the matter was of very great importance in connection with the safety of the voyageurs in the Illinois country.

The efforts of the two commandants did not meet with much success. Last spring a party of Pouteouatamis Maskoutins, Folles avoines, and Saulteux went to attack the Peorias. The latter took three Pouteouatamis and a Maskoutin, and, far from doing them any harm, they sent them back and said to them: "*Why do you disturb the earth for a fool who has been killed? What is your reason for coming to such extremes? Some of our people who were married in your villages have been killed there and we have never taken up arms to revenge ourselves. Moreover, if you attack us we will revenge ourselves; the earth will be disturbed and the roads will be closed through your fault.*" Monsieur de St. Clin has also written to the commandant at St. Joseph and I have no doubt that this slight adventure will greatly contribute to restore peace among those nations.

A Kaux woman was killed.³² The nation pursued those who had committed the deed; it caught up with a party of seven savages, six of whom were killed on the spot. They said they were Renards, Sakis, and Sioux. The son of Pemissa, the chief of the Renards, was among the killed.³³ This news

³² Indian of the Cahokia branch of the Illinois. Their village was near the French town of Cahokia.—ED.

³³ This was Pemoussa the third. For the elder Pemoussa see *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, xvi, pp. 268, 276, 281, 377, xvii, pp. 53, 54. For the father of this young chief, see *Ibid.*, p. 406. The last possessor of this name