

relates to what I had the honor to write you in my letter of the 16th of this month. It is very important to prevent the consequences of this affair; I will, therefore, devote all my attention to it and will write to Monsieur Marin accordingly.

A party of Chaouanons went to fort Pianguichias³⁴ to strike a blow there, while the necessary relief was being taken to that post. At the same time forty Pianguichias were there; they set out on the heels of the Chaouanons and said they would follow them to their village to find out positively whence they came. They think they are from Sonioto or from the rivièrè à la Roche. If they be from the latter village the Pianguichias will perchance act in accordance with my intentions.

Monsieur de St. Clin writes me that he is doing all in his power to bring about a reconciliation between the Chaouanons and the Illinois and the nations of Ouabache, but that some Frenchmen who have deserted from his post to go and hunt at la Belle rivièrè have greatly disarranged his plans; that in fact some Chaouanons from Sonioto, who had come down to hunt, had a man killed and a woman with two children taken by the Ouyatanons, while the Frenchmen were with them. The Chaouanons stopped the Frenchmen and wanted to attack them, saying that the blow had been struck by the Illinois, the children of the French. Fortunately they changed their mind; they sent two of the Frenchmen, called Lamirande and Ste. Marie to the Illinois to find out who had committed the murder. They kept with them the wife of the said Lamirande and the other Frenchmen. To endeavor to withdraw these Frenchmen, Monsieur de St. Clin was compelled to send two envoys

known to the Americans as Peamuska (Peimosky, etc), was chief of the principal village of the Foxes, situated at the mouth of Catfish Creek, Dubuque County, Iowa. Apparently he was made chief after the death of Kettle, about 1820. In 1824 he visited Washington, being a few years later killed by a band of Sioux and Menominee, who ambushed him and his band on their way to Prairie du Chien.—Ed.

³⁴ The fort at Vincennes, which was frequented by this band of Miami.—Ed.