The Conte de Raymond to the Minister. (He summoned the Micmacs of Ile Royale and those of Naltigoniche and urged them to send one of theirs as a deputation to the *Sawages* of Acadia to urge them to break the peace that the latter would have concluded with the English).

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Monsieur the Comte de Raymond

Monseigneur

The Mikmaq of this Isle and those of Naltigoniche came to find me with Father Maillard, as soon they heard that I was asking for them. They even left their hunt although this time is very precious for them being what is called the time of their harvest for their subsistence. M de Villejouin tells me that they did not need less than all the respect they have for me to make this sacrifice Indeed, I happened to notice all the deference and submission they have to all that I propose after exposing them to the subject which had engaged me to convene them, and

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how odious it was that their brothers of the Riviere St Jean and of L'Acadie had made peace with the English without having informed us and without the participation of the King who showers them with favours and through whom they subsist and support each other. They all assured me that they had no knowledge of it and gave me their word never to do theirs (peace) without my participation, even if their brothers would have included them in the treaty. I told them that this was not enough, and that they had to choose one of their chiefs to go to their allies in L'Acadie and Rivière St jean to find out more from them how all things had happened

and show them all the wrongs they would have if they made their peace without the participation of His Majesty and to urge them to break all negotiations if the treaty was not yet signed. They all unanimously consented to my proposal and chose the named René chief of the Naltigoniche's Sauvages, which is

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precisely the one on whom I had thrown my eyes to make this deputation. I just gave him specific instructions, and he leaves at the moment. To engage him to work with zeal, I have assured him that he would be rewarded if he fulfilled his negotiation.

It is a significant accomplishment Monseigneur, if we can succeed in breaking this peace, at least until the resolution of the limits, the English would be much more tenacious if they no longer had this thorn at their foot.

Our Mikmak ask us, as the price of their fidelity to the King, that you promise Monseigneur to turn the increase of presents that we have given them for a few years into ordinary presents. I gave them hope that if they continue to behave well, you could well make them obtain this grace. They have confidence in me mixed with a certain fear that gives me pleasure since I gave a small punishment to two Sauvages which the others strongly approved.

I have the honour of being with infinite respect,

Monseigneur,

Your very humble and obligated servant The Conte de Raymond

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P.S After writing this letter I learn that the English just made a new insult to one of our S??? who carried presents to the Sauvages of Acadie, I had a report drawn up and I will have the honor to send it to you Monseigneur by the first ship to leave.