

should win our trade. In this village, I found the four Savages who had deserted us: two of them wished to remain, the two others embarked with me. Attached to a tree I found a letter from Cauchois informing me that M. de La Salle was fallen ill and asking me to send with all speed Jean Michel to attend him. This I did and, being arrived the last of May at Fort Prud'homme, we had the great sorrow of seeing him a prey to mortal illness. As he had urgent business at the river of the Miamis, I set out on the 4th of June with Brossard, Cauchois, Jean Masse, and a Sokoki. Above the Ohio River I encountered four Iroquois, the survivors of a band of a hundred men which had been defeated by the Sioux; and, as they required succor, I gave them a part of what they had need. Four days later, seeing a smoke, we went towards it. There issued from the wood thirty Tamaroa warriors, coming on with strung bow and raising the war-cry. I offered them the calumet; an Illinois among them, when he saw me, recognized me and cried out: "This is my comrade; these are Frenchmen!" We went ashore and passed the night with them. There was a plot to kill us, but, as it was a mixed party of Illinois, Missouritas, and Tamaroas, the Illinois foiled the design

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Severe illness of
La Salle.

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