

caused the death of the Recollect Father and of the French soldier.

1707.

"In a word, Father, here I am at your feet; you know that I am not the most guilty, and that, had I been believed, you would have no ground to complain of us. You are aware that I have never swerved from my duty, at least till that unfortunate day. You may perhaps know that I am the son of the first Indian of all the upper tribes, who came through the woods to meet the French. Mr. de Courcelles gave him the Key of the colony and invited him to come frequently. It is the dearest inheritance I received from him to whom I owe my existence. But of what use is the Key, if I cannot use it on the only occasion when I needed it? What have I come to do? I come to offer you my head, to present to you slaves, to raise the dead to life; I come to assure you of the sincere respect of your children. What more can I do? Yet I see that you will not be satisfied till le Pesant is delivered up; he is properly the only one guilty, but it is impossible for us to surrender him to you, without drawing down on us all the nations to which he is allied.

Speech of  
the chief of  
the  
delegation.

De Vaudreuil replied that he understood fully the difficulty of bringing le Pesant, but that for all that, he wished to have him, and would have him; that all the Nations were aware of the fault committed by the Ottawas; that they must also all see their repentance and the reparation they made; that the evil was committed at Detroit, and there it must be repaired; that he would send his orders on the point to Mr. de la Motte Cadillac; that they should report to that officer, and not fail to execute what he should direct in his name.<sup>2</sup>

De  
Vaudreuil's  
reply.

With this reply he dismissed them, not accepting their belt. He sent with them Mr. de St. Pierre, to whom he gave his instructions for the Commandant at Detroit. On their arrival in that post,<sup>3</sup> la Motte Cadillac declared to

<sup>1</sup> Le Blanc's address is given in had 3 births; in 1707, 14; 1708, 13; Sheldon's Michigan, pp. 232-239. 1709, 19. Rameau, Notes Histori-

<sup>2</sup> Sheldon's Michigan, p. 245-250. ques sur la Colonie Canadienne de

<sup>3</sup> Aug. 6, 1707. Detroit in 1704 Detroit, p. 13.