

sincere; they desired me to stay for them, which I did till the 19th, when they arrived, and with them came one Pennensha.— This Pennensha is the same man who wrote the letter the Sous brought with them in March, and at the same time held council with that great nation in favor of the English, by which he much promoted the interest of the latter, as appeared by the behavior of the Sous thereafter. He brought with him a pipe from the Sous, importing that after their ambassadors or chiefs returned, they had called a council of most of the warriors, in which it was agreed to send the following speech to the Indians depending on the Baye,—that I had received a belt from them, with a road plain and easy to be found; they therefore desired, that as the road is now clear, they would by no means allow the Chippewas to obstruct it, or to give the English any disturbance, or prevent the traders from coming up to them. If they did so, they would send all their warriors and cut them off.

This speech had its desired effect, as it changed the minds of the Ottawas very much, and settled those of the rest in favor of the English interest, who came with Pennensha, very happily for us. When all the young men of those nations had arrived, they told me all their nation was in tears for the loss of two English traders who were killed by the French in their lands, and begged leave of me to cut them all in pieces. They seemed well pleased that I had got an English interpreter, as they could tell me their mind more plainly than by a Frenchman. I called a council of the Four Nations, to whom I gave large presents; and to the three last nations, each a belt. I also made a speech to them in the best manner I could, informing them of Capt. Etherington's distress, and that I was going to relieve him if possible, and return to them again after we had cleared the road; and that I hoped, as they had always shown themselves brothers, they would go along with me, and assist in that good work. I was going to try to reinstate their brothers and mine, so that they might be supplied with goods for their wives and children. Upon this, the old Sack chief, who was with me last summer, and brought the French