regard in no other light than rebellious children, and he wishes them to be deprived of all assistance, and even of all presents.

I do not believe, my children, that there are any here who may not be the same sentiments; if it is not so, it must be that you have lost your senses, and rush to your own ruin. In short, it is the King who speaks, and he is not in the habit of speaking more than once to cause himself to be obeyed. Reflect seriously upon this, my children. He is the best of all parents, since he extends his hand once more to receive those who are ungrateful, wishing to forget the past.

But he wishes his children to be obedient. Is it not right? He has no other object in view but to cause them to live peaceably, to watch over their preservation, and to spare the blood of his children, which is to him as dear as his own.

I require of you, my children, a positive answer, which shall come from the heart and not from the mouth only, most solemnly assuring you that I conceal nothing from you. It is your good that I seek, and this you will know by the results. Speak to me in sincerity, and I promise to carry your reply to our Father, and to speak to him in your favor.

You ought not to doubt, after what I did for you two years since, that I am thus inclined.

What I do this day, being sick as I am, should convince you that I shall always be in your interests so long as you do the will of your Father Onontio, which I invite you strongly to do. This is what I have to say to you at this time. Reflect upon it seriously. It is of the highest consequence to you. Give me your reply; but remember that I expect it to be full of sincerity.*

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* Lignery was the Commandant at Mackinac. The object and formal tone of the reply of the nations shows clearly that there was no sincerity in their statements, but only fear. It will accordingly appear by subsequent papers, that murders went on during the year 1726 as usual, between the Foxes and the Chippeways on the North, and between them and the Illinois on the South. C. W.