

We listen to you to-day, and wish you to believe that it is not without difficulty we have gained over our young men. I respond as well for them as for ourselves.

*Reply of the Winnebagoes*

My Father, I know this day that although we are few, you have pity on us. We old men do not agree with our young men, for if they sustained us, they would never do any of these bad things. Although we are a small nation, and our great Father, the King, does not know us, I perceive to-day his goodness, and that he pities us by extending his hand to us. The Foxes are numerous, my Father. It is they who invite our young men to do as they do, for the fear they have of them.

I have always done the will of my Father, and the Santeurs (Chippeways) have always deceived and betrayed us. However, although our young people, in revenge, may have captured some of them, I have always sent them back. Wherefore, then, should I speak differently from the others, my Father? I give you my word for myself and my young people.

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LETTER WRITTEN BY M. DE LIGNERY, FROM THE BAY DES PUANTS, TO MONSIEUR DE SIETTE, COMMANDING AMONG THE ILLINOIS, JUNE 19, 1726

I had the honor to write you by way of St. Joseph's River before my departure for the Bay about a month since, wherein I indicated the orders I had received from the General, to labor to bring about a peace between the Foxes and the other nations of the Bay and the Illinois. I have done this conformably to the letter from Court which he sent me.

I assembled the nations on the Baie des Puants, in presence of Monsieur D'Amariton, De Clagincourt, and the Rev. Father Chardau, where I told them on the part of Ononthio,