

On the 25th, at daybreak, he embarked with four good men whom I gave him, to go to join the prisoners—whom he had left four leagues from here, under the guard of 12 Frenchmen; and at 2 o'clock in the afternoon they arrived. I had them put in the guard-room, which I had arranged in my own lodgings, not suffering them to speak to any one. On the 26th, I set to work to arrange their trial, which I did in the following manner:

I notified all the chiefs and elders that they must come to the council which I wished to hold; I told the Folavoine to choose two of his kinsmen to sustain his interests; and I told the children of Achiganaga—that is, the two murderers—to do the same. These men I kept separated. The council assembled, and I sent for the Folavoine, that he might be interrogated. I had his answers written down; these were afterward read to him, to know if these were not word for word what he had answered, after which I sent him out of the council under good and sure guard. I observed the same formalities with the two sons of Achiganaga, and, as the Folavoine in some sort accused the father, I sent for him, and had the Folavoine and the two children come back; and all three made accusations, without denying the murder. Achiganaga alone stoutly maintained that he knew nothing of the design of the Folavoine, or that of his children; and that they should say whether he had urged them to kill the French. They answered that he had not.

This confrontation, which the savages did not expect, surprised them; and, seeing that they were convicted of the murder, the elders said: "It is enough; you accuse one another. The Frenchman is now master of your bodies."

The next day I held another council, in which I said that there was no longer any doubt that the Frenchmen had been killed and robbed, that the murderers were known, and that they knew what was their own practice in such cases. To all that they answered nothing, which obliged me to hold another council in the cabin of *Le Brochet*. After I had talked to them, seeing that they did not come to any decision, and that all my councils resulted in nothing but the reduction of tobacco into ashes, I made a speech telling them that, since they