

Achilings,¹ a part of the Hurons, and Oumamens, chief of the Amikois. I there declared to them anew that, as they were aware of the murder of the two Frenchmen at Kiaonan, and knew all the murderers, I was surprised that no one dared to declare himself in favor of giving us satisfaction; that, nevertheless, Onontio's blood had been shed, that it was still warm, and that other blood must be shed to satisfy it. I therefore made known to them that, since we had been killed by two different tribes, one man of each should die therefor, and that they should meet the same death which they had inflicted on the French, and should therefore be shot. As for the third, I said that you granted him his life on condition that he make known to all his allies the favor that you, Monsieur, had shown him. I added that if I were not relaxing the rigor of our laws, I would put to death all six of them as being guilty of participating in the robbery, and possibly of contributing to the murder by their evil counsels; but that I hoped that the mildness I had shown on this occasion would not be condemned by you. This decision to put them to death was a very hard blow for them, for they had thus far believed that I would not venture to undertake this. The Outaouats of Sable and the Outaouats Sinagaux, in order not to have trouble with you, Monsieur, had seemed to blame their conduct, and not to care what became of them; now Le Talon rose, and after a long harangue concluded that, if I had a heart, I would grant them their lives. The chief of the Outaouats Sinagaux said that he had taken captive some Irocois whom Monsieur de Courcelle had demanded of him, whom he had surrendered and whose lives had been spared; and that I therefore ought to do the same. Oumamens, whom the Sauteurs had employed to speak for them,—not being able to speak for themselves, as they were parties in the trial,—thanked me for being content with so little, and praised the good heart of the Frenchman, who was going to release the

¹The Sinagaux (Sinagos) were the Squirrel clan of Ottawas; it is their chief who is mentioned as Singos on pp. 26, 27, *ante*. Those "of Sable" were apparently a band located along Au Sable river, Mich. The Achilings were a small tribe living on French river and about its discharge into Georgian Bay. The Amikois (Amikoués) are also known as the Beaver tribe.—ED.