

started to come down, although the Traitor gave no other excuse for his voyage than an ardent desire which consumed him to come and hear his Father's will in order blindly to obey it.

But this is pretty tedious. Learn what is passing among the Outawais to be persuaded how much they would be disposed to make their peace with the Iroquois, independent of the Count, were they not vigorously opposed. Let us enter now into the Council with those recently-arrived Nations and witness the audience Onontio is giving them.

Being assembled on the sixteenth of August, in the presence of the Governor, Intendant, and several officers, Onanguissé, Chief of the Poutouatamis, opened the meeting with the following speech:

"Father, I come here, seeing all my Nation deranged, in order that you may restore them to their senses. This it is that brings me hither without a present, and makes me look upon you with my eyes. I wish the Cioux, the Sacs, the Miamis, and the Outagamis may listen to your voice. As for me, half your heart is in mine, and I have no will but yours. I have been surprised that the Kikakons, the Outawais of Sable, Hurons, and others of Michilimakina whom you call your children, are not hearkening to your voice today, and that on the contrary they seem to wish to upset the earth and deceive you; whilst I, who have not seen you for a long time, am always inclined to obey your wishes, as I have done since my infancy. Up there at Michilimakina I have respected your word; I have adhered to it, and, not being able to resist all those other nations, have adopted the resolution to come down to acquaint you, that you may apply the remedies you will consider necessary. When the Indians I have named to you come here to see you and call you Father, I feel sorry that, immediately after they are out of your presence, they alter their language and act contrary to what they promised; whilst I, no matter what injury the other nations may inflict on me, do exactly what you desire me. I have even been killed by the Ciou; you forbid me to avenge myself, and I have obeyed your word. The memory I have cherished of your former words alone hath kept my feet within the paths of duty, for we have not had any one, for a long time, with us to