

of the Miamis to come and see me next year. I do not block up the road on them when coming to visit me; and, if they have done you any injury, I shall see that satisfaction be made you. Communicate my words to the Sauteurs; and as they and you form but one fire, prevent their making disturbances in that direction.

“You four Outaouais Nations, and you, too, Poutouatamis and Hurons—I am pleased with the blow you have inflicted on the Iroquois; to strike the Iroquois in that way is what is good; that’s the direction in which all the Tribes should throw their forces. I will effectively prevent the English supplying the Miami with aid, even were the latter disposed to invite them thither. But I know the Miami was not informed of it. It was the Baron and Quarante sols¹ who invited the Iroquois to go and devour the Miami, and then to promenade in your prairies [clearings]. I shall soon be informed of this affair. I always had you supplied with powder and iron. I continue still disposed to supply you; but imperative reasons prevent me sending this year my young men to your Country in such large numbers as I would do were it not for the vast designs I have formed against my enemies and yours. I cannot now open my mind to you respecting the operations I have concluded. When the leaves are red, you will probably learn what my plans are. I am always laboring to annihilate the Iroquois, and am meditating his destruction; and you shall soon see the earth united in that direction.

“In regard to the articles you require for yourselves, your wives, and your little ones, I shall have them soon conveyed to you; but as I am resolved to think only of war with the Iroquois, I retain my young men because I want them. When they will have returned, they will visit your Village, and I shall send thither whatever you will require. La fourche must still be left undisturbed. I have already told you that it was I who should avenge him. I close the road on you, because it is I and

¹Quarante sols (“Forty sous”): the French appellation of a Huron chief; he was a prisoner among the Iroquois in 1695, and later intrigued with the Miamis to give up their trade and alliance with the French for that of the English.—Ed.