

embarked with the last ones to proceed also to la baie, to the assistance of Father Nouvel, who is borne down by the weight of nearly 80 years and by many ailments. That father brought us letters from below addressed to you. There are two packets and a single letter which I have charged Mikinak (who is not unknown to you) to deliver into your hands. His conduct toward the French is always good. I cannot tell you what our Outaouas think about the Detroit settlement, and I believe that they themselves will be somewhat embarrassed about telling you their thoughts, for they do not agree.<sup>1</sup> Many fear that, as the Iroquois has not given them back their slaves, which was the most essential article of the peace, he may seek to deceive them. But if the slaves are brought to them this autumn, as they have been led to hope, that will soothe their minds to some extent. For my part I expect every day the orders of our Reverend Father Superior, and I do not think that I shall be able to move from here at all before the spring. Neither could I be of any use to the Savages who are fully resolved to scatter, each in his own direction, in the woods as far as they can. I recommend to you those who go to visit you.

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I have already written you by Koutaouiliboua that I had entrusted Mikinak with the letters that Brother Louis<sup>2</sup> had brought me here for you. I have no doubt that he has faithfully delivered them to you. He, as well as the other Outaouas who are in your quarter, may have told you what resolution they have come to (if indeed they have any fixed one); therefore it is necessary that I should write to you about it. Monsieur Arnaud, who came here from la Baie the evening before that, will tell you that since he has resided at Missilimakinak

<sup>1</sup>Note by Cadillac: "This Father says correctly that the Savages are not agreed about the Detroit settlement. Their speeches in open council disclose that it is the missionaries who have divided them, by the wrong impressions that they have given them, and by the threats that they have uttered if the Savages proceed to establish themselves at this post."

<sup>2</sup>A Jesuit lay brother, Louis le Boesme, connected with the missions; he came to Canada when a mere boy, about 1648, and two years later returned to France, in order to enter the order. In 1656 he came back to Canada, where he spent the rest of his life, dying in 1709.—ED.