

Sieur de la Motte may do to engage them to go to Detroit, they will not remove thither. This is their sentiment and that of all their chiefs, who have sent them to communicate it to the Governor.

[Nothing more strongly indicates the determination of those Outaouas never to leave their village of Misilimakinac, and not remove to Detroit, though Sieur de la Motte do all he can to draw them thither; these words expressed to the Governor-general, in presence of the Intendant, the clergy, officers, and principal men of the country, cannot be called in doubt; whilst those of Sieur de la Motte, who is alone, can be questioned. My advice would be to station a Jesuit at Detroit, to let those of Misilimakinac alone, and to permit the Indians to do as they like in this matter. Constraint may do more harm than good in these cases.]

[*Concl. To be added to the Detroit business.*]

3. They are also instructed to ask the Governor for a French Commandant; they know not what they are doing since they have none.

[I do not believe any is necessary for them; it would be the means of absolutely destroying Detroit, which has no more need of one than Missillimakinac. Let us learn by experience that these commandants apply for these posts merely for the purpose of trade, and to promote their own interests, and they encourage the Indians to demand them.]

[*Concl. Embarrassing.*]

4. They are surprised to see the Sauteurs, the Sacs and Outagamis at War; they have sent them some presents to allay this disorder. As they are in their midst, they fear somebody will be killed in their village, and that they will be thus drawn into the War.

[They act wisely in making presents to avert the consequences of this war.]

[*Good.*]

#### *M. de Vaudreuil's Answer.*

He thanks them for coming to bewail Sieur de Callières' death: assures them that they will find in him the same fatherly heart.

[He answers well.]

[*Good.*]