

condition. He was very glad to see me, and hoped I would remain. He was glad that the French had made a fort for me, and for themselves. It would strike fear into the hearts of their enemies, and cause jealousy among the tribes at Detroit. He had done all he could to prevent the young men from descending to Detroit; and since I was here he had nothing to fear from those who should come from there, and he would not allow any trouble to originate here. If Le Pesant left Detroit, he did not believe he would come here, but would probably go to Manitoulin." Onaské begs you "always to love his village, and not to believe the representations of Le Pesant, who gave six packs of beaver to the Iroquois to induce them to come with him and destroy Michilimackinac. He hopes you will continue to hinder the Iroquois from coming here, and instruct them not to receive the Huron, if he wishes to return to his wigwam." You will, of course, manage these things as you think proper.

I have, at last, found another Frenchman who is willing to go to the river St. Joseph, and I hope the four will now depart immediately. We have reason to feel anxious concerning the safety of the Fathers, on account of so many war-parties going down on that side. At least, we shall have news from St. Joseph, unless our men find too many dangers in the way.

MICHILIMACKINAC, AUGUST 27, 1706.

A few canoes of the savages of this place, who went to Detroit, having returned, I am permitted to give you their report; they arrived here on Monday, August 23^d. The chiefs of Michilimackinac, who remained at home, have always maintained that their men had not gone to fight, but to withdraw their brothers, the young men, from Detroit. Those who went last, report that they met these young men on their way home. Five or six days had already elapsed since they left Detroit, and they were nearly exhausted with hunger. Ten canoes have gone to Saginaw for provisions. Le Pesant and Jean la Blanc, with many others are still delayed by the wind. Those who have arrived, say that a great battle was fought at Detroit, and