

Koutaouiliboe has also told me another fine piece of news; that there was peace in all Europe, and that "the great Onontio of the French had given one-half of his children to the English, but that he had requested the English not to give them bad medicine." He said he was indifferent whether he went to Boston or Montreal, as there was nothing but powder at Montreal, and that the French themselves went to purchase goods at the stores of the English. Already at Detroit, he said, they gave two hands of tobacco for a beaver, and a scarlet blanket for five or six beavers, and so on with other goods.

There is one thing, however, which makes all this news suspicious; those who told it brought no letters, and that makes many believe that it is news made expressly for the occasion, either by the French inhabitants of Detroit, or by the savages who remain there in such small numbers that they wish to cause others to return there for their safety. He also told me that M. la Motte had gone to Quebec, and that he told the people at Detroit, at parting, that he was not leaving them forever, but, at the expiration of four years, they would see him again.<sup>1</sup> See how the savages make news according to their interests or inclinations!

The Folle-Avoines have made an attack upon Chagouamigon and his wife, the adopted brother and sister of Durangé; they have killed the one, and carried off the other. Durangé is coming here to recover the prisoner. It is said that the people of Detroit are coming to make war against the Kickapoos, and that they have invited the Sauteurs to join them.

Pardon me, sir, if I bring you only savage news; Koutaouiliboe will be able to tell you some other. He will be sure to make you remember that he is the only one who has observed your words; and that he had reason to tell you last year, that all your children would forget them as soon as they should be beyond the region of Montreal, and would not fail to kill each other. I am, with profound respect, sir,

Your very humble, and very obedient servant,

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Of the Society of Jesus.

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<sup>1</sup>Lamothe-Cadillac was appointed, in 1711, governor of Louisiana, and was succeeded by Dubuisson as commandant at Detroit.—ED.