

treat them with severity; and would dissipate the fear which still Possessed them, by restoring to them some of their Children—that is, some of their people who were Slaves among the French.

As all the Chiefs of the nations who were to come to the general assembly had not yet arrived, I put off my reply to the Renards until the 4th of August. I spoke to them that day in the presence of our resident savages, and of the Chiefs of all the nations of the upper country who had come to Montreal, except those of the nations at Detroit, who, having set out to come to this assembly, had stopped short on hearing that there was sickness at Montreal. After addressing to them the reproaches which they deserved for not having done everything in their power for the Fulfilment of the treaty, I declared to them that, since they had come to prove their submission to me and to conclude peace with me and all my children, I was ready to receive them as a good Father, but on condition That they immediately restore the prisoners whom they may still have among them, and especially a huron woman from Detroit and two Sauteur women; and that they oblige the Kikapous and Maskoutins also to restore the people of our allies who may be prisoners among them. I told them that they must next year bring some Slaves to replace among our allies Those of their number who have been killed during the war; and that they must employ every means to prevent The Kikapou and the Mascoutin from continuing to make war against the Illinois, as I have sent Sieur Deliette among the Illinois expressly to put an end to this war, and to prevent them from making any movement against the Kikapou and the Maskoutin. I added also that, as they had asked me to restore to them some of their children, and as I had sent back last year one of the three whom I held as hostages, while one had died last spring, I would restore to them the one who still remained alive. I said that I was willing to let them take with them, also, some of those who were prisoners, and that I would not hinder those who remained here from returning next year; but that I desired that they should come to get them with some Chiefs of the Kikapous and Maskoutins, and particularly the one named