

Nations favorably disposed toward the French than in dealing with all the other Nations of the upper country, and in maintaining peace among them. I would not have sent to the Council the Collar which the five Iroquois Nations presented to His Majesty, in 1717, if it had not been presented on The occasion of his auspicious succession to the Crown. Accordingly, I will conform with the order of the Council in sending no more such Collars.

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It seems to me very necessary that Sieur Dubuisson should continue to serve in that country, as he is more capable than any other officer of managing the Ouyatonons and the Miamis, who Know and esteem him, and among whom he has had considerable reputation since the defeat of the Renards at Detroit, where he was in command during the absence of Sieur de la forest; and where the Miamis and the Ouyatanons used to come to trade, as their Village was not at that time very far distant from that post. Those two Nations have as yet made no movement to go, one to the St. Joseph River, and the other to the Tatiky.¹ They promised me, in messages sent to me last Summer, that they would not fail to go there this autumn; But they have changed their minds since that time, For I learn from the last letters I have received from the Miamis that, Sieur de Vincennes having died in their Village, Those Savages had resolved not to go to the St. Joseph River, but to remain where they are.

As this resolution is fraught with danger on account of the ease with which they can communicate with the English,—who are incessantly sending them Collars underground, in order to gain them over by means of certain Iroquois Couriers and others who are in their hire,—I had intended that Sieur Dubuisson should command at the post among the Ouyatanons, and, on his way thither, should Use all his Influence among the Miamis to decide That Nation to go to the St. Joseph River; or that he should remain in the place where they are settled, if they did not wish to abandon it, so as to obviate the effect

¹ Or Teatiky, more often written Theakiki; the early name of the Kankakee river in Illinois.—Ed.