

about his own death very foolishly, having attacked people with whom he was not at war. Those who engaged him in this war were more to blame than the Illinois; if the latter had killed him on the spot, or held him as a prisoner, they would have had the right wholly on their side; but in burning him as cruelly as they did they were wrong, because they showed by this unworthy action that they wished for no reconciliation with his nation.

“I do not at all doubt that, when you set out to make this war, you really wished to kill them all, and to grant quarter to no one, in order to avenge this Minchilay, whom you call your nephew. I approve your conduct, Ouashalas, in that, after having reduced your enemies to such extremity that they were obliged to pray you to spare their lives, you did so without making any difficulties, remembering that your life had in similar circumstances been spared by Monsieur de Louvigny. This action you request me to make known to your father Onontio. I shall not fail to do so, and shall also inform him of the precautions which you had taken so that no harm might come to the French, in case you should have met any, nor to any of all our allies, whom you wished merely to be brought before you unbound, so as to prove to them by this consideration that you did not wish to insult them. I hope that you may continue to act with the same prudence as in this affair.

“You assure me in the name of your whole nation that wars in general are ended, and that you will not go to attack any nation, unless you are first attacked; that you will not trouble the good understanding which I am laboring to bring about between the children of Onontio; and that you will no longer molest the French when you meet them. You guarantee absolutely that this shall not occur, and you promise, moreover, in future to follow all my counsels; and you add that since your sentiments are such, and since your father can ask nothing further of you, you hope to obtain from me the same succor as all the other children of Onontio receive. As to this, I will say to you that it is to be desired for your nation that you be faithful in all your promises, since you