

year. This they granted me, and they also gave me three Soteur slaves whom they had Among them. This was my first word; and Here is The Second, which I have set down on this sheet at Length, in The same terms as those in which I spoke to Them, Wishing to Bind both Their arms, and to establish A general peace among all the nations.

“I ask you also, on behalf of our father, to stay The War-club lifted Against his children, The jllinois, upon whom You are waging a bitter war. He has also sent word to them to lay down Their war-club lifted Against You; and I Shall endeavor to have The slaves on both sides sent back, so as to put an End to This unjust war, which makes our father very angry. It is greatly to Your interest to Please Him. I cannot sufficiently impress upon You The obedience that You owe Him If You Wish to be His True children; and The misfortunes that You will draw down upon Yourselves If you do not obey His Will.”

Such, Monsieur, are The very terms which I Used to induce the Savages to Cease their attacks Upon the jllinois; but Their answer was not favorable, for they replied: “my father, The jllinois has attacked us too often to allow of our staying our War-clubs, and of breaking our word. I Hide It not from thee, but we shall still have An arm Lifted on That Side.” Such, monsieur, was Their answer, and they Are indignant because, when peace was made in 1716, they sent the jllinois back Their prisoners while The jllinois did not return Theirs, As had been Agreed upon in The treaty. Thus, monsieur, I Consider that it is necessary, If We Wish to secure This peace Between them, to Commence by accomplishing That. If You deem It advisable, will you have The kindness to send me word via The river St Joseph? If You do me The Honor of writing to me, Monsieur de Villedonné who Commands there, will send The Letter to me at Michilimakinac, which is my post; I returned hither This year, two months ago, when I learned that the regnards had Killed Five Frenchmen. This led me to resolve to write to monsieur The marquis de Vaudreuil that, If This Were True, I Thought we Would be compelled to wage war on Them Jointly with all our nations; and I also wrote the same to the minister.