

father, Monsieur du tisé, whose word we Heed, that we will not go to attack any one; but he and we, with all the chiefs, will keep on our Guard. We look upon thee as our ally. Therefore as thou lovest us and art a friend of the French, seek, by the right that thou knowest we possess, to smooth the road that thy Ancestors kept so well. I admit that we do not kill as many Beavers as the People of the lakes; but our traders here are not Interested, and do not supply our Enemies either with powder or with guns to kill us, or those of their own blood who are our allies.

“Let the renards remember their treacherous Attack on our ally la Grue and his party under the flag of our father Ononthyo in their own village.

“Are not our brothers, the French, killed daily at the Ouabache? This year again do not the allies of the renards dance the scalp-dance around their scalps before the traders from Canada, who are of the same blood, and who supply them with powder in exchange for their Beaver and marten skins? How can they be ignorant of it at present? Thou tellest us, *chapt blanc*, and sayest that these things were told at la bay. Seest thou not their deceit? Didst thou not see Monsieur tisé come today from Montreal, passing by Missilimaquinak on behalf of ononthyo? Is it not ononthyo who has sent him to us in the place of our father Monsieur de Boisbriant? Thou sayest that thou didst see him and all his brothers at Montreal. The commandants of La bay Know Him. Thou seest the bad faith of the renards and of those who seek their Beaver-skins. Didst thou not see the Canadians, who are thy allies as they are ours, pass by missilimaquinak, la bay, and river St. Joseph? Didst thou not give them food? Didst thou not see the two brothers separate, one remaining at thy village and the other coming to stay with us? Didst thou not see the black gowns and the white collars¹ whom ononthyo Sends to Teach and to baptize us, pass through thy village? This proves to thee that the renards wish only to betray and to deceive our allies.

“This is what we prove by Monsieur de Boisbriant, our father, and by Monsieur du tisé, the black gowns and the white

¹ Apparently having reference to the ruffs worn by the French officers.—Ed.