

I find that the weather is Clear since I see you. This is our manner of presenting a Calumet which means peace.

I open my heart to my Father, and it will be glad when I shall go away after hearing his word. You know that we were The first to attack the Renards who killed us, which reduces us to a pitiable Condition. Therefore, My Father, we ask You to have the same Consideration for us, as You have for your other Children and that You will take care of us who wish to Listen to no other word but yours.

Reply to the Words of the Illinois

It affords me much pleasure, Ouabichagana, to See thee united with the Quicapoux and Maskoutins and that you Live together as good brothers. The weather is always fair when I See my Children well-disposed as thou seemest to me to be.

I am convinced that thou openest thy heart to me, and that thou answerest to me for that of thy young men who are but one with thee. Thou assurest me that thou wilt be glad when thou wilt have heard my word. Here it is: Thou and all thy village may rely upon my kindness and protection, so long as you behave as you have hitherto done. In future I will show You the same consideration as I have to your Brothers with whom I Exhort you to be united and to have but one heart as you have but one Father who will take care of You.

1732: CONDITIONS AT DETROIT; OFFICERS FOR THE POSTS

[Extract of a letter from Beauharnois to the French Minister, dated Oct. 15, 1732, with endorsements of the government, Jan. 20, 1733. Source, same as preceding document, but vol. 58, c. 11, fol. 237.]

The Sieur de Boishebert's occupations in connection with the action of the Hurons and Iroquois against the Renards have not allowed him to send the maps that he was to Make of Lake Sainte Claire and Lake Huron.¹

¹Endorsement of the Minister: "It is hoped that they will be sent this year."