

wives and Children may be in safety, as they are not at Detroit; that if he had not [shown] such Kindness to Them they would go and die in some Remote Spot.

By the second, they also beg their Father to give them an officer to go down with them to protect them from attack.

The Sieur De Noyelle adds that they are not less Fearful than they Were at the Beginning of the affair, that nothing could re-assure them; that eight Had come at night to see if their fort Was burned down; that they Had concealed themselves in Father de la Richardie's dwelling whence they had sent him word asking him to go and speak to them.

The 10th of May 1739, Father de la Richardie Writes that the Threats of one Entatsogo, a Chief of the Sault, uttered in connection with the Peace made by the hurons with the Têtes-plates seemed to have made them give up all idea of going to Settle down below, [i. e. in the South]; that they requested him to beg their Father to Excuse them if they did not go down to Montreal as he had ordered the Elders to do, because it Was the people of the Sault who had asked them to do so; they charged him to say that it Was not the Custom amongst savages to beg for protection or for an asylum in their fright, but that if compassion were felt for them it was the duty of those who had pity on Them to come and console them on their Mat, or even to light a fresh fire for them in some place where they might be considered safe.

The 15th of June, Father de la Richardie writes that he Was obliged to make every effort to influence their Minds which Were Fully made up to Listen to nothing but their fear and the words of the English and Iroquois, which seemed to have some effect especially from what an elder told him in private, assuring him that the English and Iroquois were taking advantage of the hurons' alarm to attract them to one of those two Nations; that he Was compelled to make Use of the old women's influence to put a stop to this, and was obliged to tell them that he would die rather than follow them amongst the Enemy. He begs Monsieur the General—in the event of his granting the hurons' request to be settled on his land, and of Monsieur his Nephew com-