

ing to place himself at their head to Lead them to the place of their destination, to be allowed to pass the winter with Them and go down early in the spring. [He writes] That Detroit would in no wise suffer by their Removal because a number of Sauteux, to say nothing of the Chaoüanons, would willingly Settle there if the huron Were to go away.

The 1st of October 1738 answered in 1739.

Words of the hurons addressed to Monsieur The general.

By the first [collar], they say that it is very Important.

By the second, that they received at Missilimakinac an Embassy from their brothers of the Sault, and of the Lake by which they sent them word to come and live near Them, and as a reason for this they said: "My brothers, in this Place you are in the Midst of a Multitude of Nations that like you not."

That, at the time Monsieur de Vandreüil Urged them to leave as soon as possible Nations that hated them and he said to them: "come and live near Me; you will find a safe Asylum, a Father and a Protector."

By the Fifth word they said that they assured their Father they would some day Carry out what he had just Advised them to do, and would seize the first pretext that should arise to go to him; that they had long been seriously Thinking of fulfilling their promises and of withdrawing.

By the seventh word, they said that the chief reason that induced them to take that step was that they wished to calm the Minds of their wives and Children which were so disturbed that they could live in safety only near their Father Onontio; that everybody in their village Was of that opinion and they spoke in their name; that only three persons opposed the step but they Were not Listened to.

. By the twelfth word, they say that if their Father does not grant their request, the regret they will feel will compel them to take another step; that their resolution is taken and they will go and die in the first place they may come to rather than live in that country where their wives and Children could not venture to go to their Work without Fearing that they might never return at night to sleep in their Cabins.