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conscience, consider such a war Lawful, I would at once side with the young men, but as I have nothing decisive on that point, and as My conscience, which is of the slightest, tells me that such a war would be murder, I cannot, pending the receipt of your orders, Avoid giving my support to the elders.

1741: COUNCIL WITH THE HURON OF DETROIT

[Source, same as preceding document, but fol. 149.]

Secret Council. Message of Monsieur the Marquis de Beauharnois, Governor general of New France, to the hurons of Detroit, June 12, 1741.

SASTARETSY, Listen attentively to the message of thy Father Onontio, which will be brought thee by him who is Dearest to me, who is of my blood, that thou mayest know how much I think of thee and of all thy Nation. Monsieur Duburon whom you greatly love, will accompany him.

Remember well, My son Sastaretsy, that three years ago thou didst Send a message to thy brothers of Lorette, of the Sault, and of the Lake of two Mountains, by which thou didst inform them that thou wouldst be compelled to go to them in their Village in the autumn, as soon as thou shouldst have heard of the ruin of thy Nephews. Thou didst ask them to inform Me of the situation in which thou wert placed by the Multitud of thy Enemies. They brought me thy message and I Felt thy trouble to such an extent that I at once replied—thou must remember it. I Sent presents to thy Father, Monsieur De Noyelle, to cover the dead, to console the afflicted and to stay the Tomahawk of the young men whose Hearts might be turned to evil. Judge by this of my affection for thee.

Thy Father, Ondechaouasty,¹ Wrote me the Following year that thou hadst seemed to acquiesce in the Orders I had given

¹Note on original MS.: "Father de la Richardie."