

to oblige thee to remain at Detroit after the affair imputed to thy nephews was Completely settled, But that thou mightest leave thy land at the first alarm.

Thy Father, Monsieur De Noyelle, Wrote me at the same time that you had all gone into winter quarters and had abandoned your clearings; you had told him that you could not calm the Minds of your wives and Children, and that you would always live in Fear at the Post of Detroit.

Orontony¹ Sent me Branches of Porcelain on behalf of the whole Village, by which he asked my permission to come and settle near me, as they could no longer live in peace at that Place, because, he said, whenever the Têtes plates, might make an Attack on the Nations of the Post, you would always be accused of having a share in it, and, in order to Avoid being reduced some day to cruel extremities, he re-iterated the request you had made to me.

Monsieur De Noyelle Sent me two Collars on your behalf. By the first you asked me to grant you a piece of land near me, so that your wives and Children might be in safety, which they were not at Detroit. You said to me by that message that if I did not show that kindness to you, you would go and die in some Distant Spot.

By the Second, you also asked me to give you an officer to come down with you to protect you from injury.

Your Father, Ondechaouasty, Wrote me at the time that you begged me to Excuse you for not coming down to Montreal, as I had ordered the elders to do, because it was the people of the Sault who had asked you to do so; that it is not the Custom amongst you Savages to go and ask for Protection and for an asylum, and that if Compassion was felt for your wives and Children, 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 spot where they might be considered in safety.

At the Beginning of the affair thou didst communicate the

¹Note on original MS.: "Nicolas."