

thought that was in thy heart to thy Father, the Commandant, and to your two Fathers, the black Gowns, and you would have no witness but Them so as to Express it more freely. That message was Sent me the following year.

You said that while you Were at Missilimakinac you received an embassy from your brothers of the Sault and of the Lake of two Mountains by which they asked you to go to Them, and, as a pretext, they said to you: Come, my brothers, you Are in this Place in the midst of a Multitude of Nations that do not like you and of whose customs you are ignorant.

That the late Monsieur de Vaudreuil Urged you to leave as soon as possible Nations that hated you and that he said to you: settle near me; you will find a safe asylum, a Father and a Protector.

You replied to him that you would some day follow the advice he had just given you, that you would seize the first pretext that presented itself to come to him, and that you had long thought seriously of fulfilling the promise you had made, which Was to come here.

By another message you said that the reason that led you to take that step Was that you wished to calm the Minds of your wives and Children which Were so affected that they could live in safety nowhere but near me; that the whole village Were of that opinion and that you spoke on their behalf.

By another message you also said that if I did not grant your request, the sorrow you would feel would lead you to take another step; that your resolution was taken, and that you were prepared to die near the first spot you came to rather than live in a land where your wives and Children could not venture to go to their Work without fearing that they might not return at night to sleep in their Cabins; that as you had always Been obedient to my orders, you would be in a better position to Carry them out if you Were near me.

By a Narrow Collar, you begged me not to refuse your request to bring you near me, holding it by one end and asking me to hold the other so as to calm the Minds of your wives and Children.