

By a Wide Collar you asked me for some one to take you to the land where I dwell so that you might travel in safety through the Nations.

Thou Sastaretsy, with Tayetchatin¹ and Orontony, didst Send me a message to Inform me of your design, in the Hope that I would have compassion on your conditon; and you told me that if I had pity on the huron I would bring him near me; that your thought Was supported by two Collars.

By another message you spoke to me in these terms: My Father, our intention to draw near you is a lasting one and nothing can change it.

By another you also said to me that the huron knows not what it is to break his word, nor to have a second thought succeed a first one he has considered reasonable. You did not conceal from me that you might take a step I would not approve if I rejected your word, and said that you would never be very firm in your Religion unless you were separated from Nations that are not Christian.

By another message you asked to be put alone in the Place I might deem suitable and that the Black Gowns might live with you to soothe your Minds. You added that what you said Was said in the name of the whole of your Nation, and that if any evil blow were struck all the others would certainly impute it to the hurons. This led you to believe without any doubt that if I deferred bringing you near me, you would despair of your lives as you Were threatened on all sides.

Then you begged your Father the Commandant and the three Black Gowns to support your word with me with such strength that your request could not be refused; that your words be taken down in Writing and that Nicolas alone be admitted to my private Room. I did this as you know.

¹ Sastaretsy and Tayetchatin (Taychatin) took no part in the attack on Detroit by Orontony's Sandusky band (1747; see *ante*, p. 280). They visited Montreal in July of that year, where Sastaretsy died; Tayetchatin was also seized with illness, but recovered sufficiently to return home, where he died in September.—ED.