

You requested Monsieur de Noyelle to Write me on your behalf to thank me for my kindness in granting your request, and you asked him to assure me that your Nation would never forget the proof of the Protection I gave your wives and Children. You sent me word that in the Event of any one of you having allowed himself to be won over to Prevent your coming down, I was not to alter anything of what I had granted you to have you dwell near me; that you had fully reflected on the step before taking it.

Your Father, the Black Gown Wrote me that my words had been received by your village with great acclamations of gratitude. Monsieur De Noyelle wrote me that he had delivered them to you and that you were greatly flattered by them, saying that I continued to be always kind to you. He added that you had not altered your design in any way.

Last year, Monsieur De Noyan and Father de la Richardie Wrote me that your wives and Children Were in a continual state of alarm, that you yourselves did not consider them safe in such a neighborhood as that of Detroit, and that Orontony, wishing to excite my compassion, had said he Hoped I would put him under my wings.

Monsieur De Noyan wrote me that you still intended to remove your fire elsewhere, and that you begged him to follow you and to go and live with you on the piece of land I granted you, and that you would be flattered if I Sent you a message to Remove you from your fire and light another for you.

I have carefully considered all your words; I have granted with pleasure the requests you have made to me; I will always seek means to calm the Minds of your wives and Children. Come, I hold out my arms to you to take you under my wing, and by this Collar I bind you Tightly to my Nephew to bring you near me. Hold it by one end and he will hold it by the other so that you cannot separate. You will see that you will find in me, as in Monsieur De Vaudreuil, a sure Asylum, a Father and a Protector. I will take as much care of you as of my Praying Children who are near me. I will love