you all Equally without distinction. If Monsieur de Noyan continues to feel the Desire he now has to come and live with you, I will Send another to relieve him in his place. Your Fathers, the Black Gowns, will follow you to the land I have destined for you and which you will be at liberty to choose for yourselves. You see that I grant your requests like a good Father and that I seek every means to secure you rest and peace.

By this present, I clear your Road, I scatter right and left the obstacles that might arise; I Dissipate the Clouds and put the Sun at its zenith so that you may see where to place your steps and that the land may henceforth be at peace.

1741: INDIAN COUNCIL AT DETROIT; HURON REMOVAL.

[Source, same as preceding document, but fol. 91.]

Council to Be held after that of the hurons.

Message of Monsieur the Marquis de Beauharnois, Governor general of New france, to his Children, the Outaouacs, Poutouatomis, Sauteux, and Mississagués of Detroit, June 12, 1741.

My Children, I Sent My Nephew to your Villages to announce my word to you and to put at end all the Disturbances, Uneasiness, and alarms that have prevailed there for three years.

You are not unaware of all that I have done to have peace reign in your land and to Prevent its being Reddened with the Blood of my Children. You have all Seconded me in the intention I Had and still have that your wives and Children shall live in peace.

In spite of all my precautions and yours I am informed that in the Hearts of the young men still lurk feelings of resentment that might lead to revenge and disturb the land more than ever.

To prevent any accident to which such Resentment might [345]