

nevertheless been credibly informed that they had given them Collars to that End, and that, before they can remove from Detroit, they cannot dispense with withdrawing them.

You write me that somebody who was to come down here seemed greatly prejudiced against the hurons, and had flattered himself that he could influence my Mind against them and in favor of Angouirot. I guessed to whom you referred, but, Reverend Father, I cannot help telling you that I am perfectly aware that Chief [Anguirot] is held in high esteem by his Nation and controls one half the village; consequently he is a man to be treated with circumspection. Several persons have told me that you did not like him; that you would not admit him to any Council; that his people had spoken and he had said nothing; and that when he saw me he would show me that he has reason to complain because you represent him to me as a dangerous and pernicious individual. On the present occasion it is better to appear to have confidence in him, so as not to rebuff him, and thereby Induce him not to thwart my intentions. I give Orders Accordingly to my Nephew.

I have Written to Monsieur De Noyan that I would decorate the Chief you speak of with the Medal you ask of me for him, when he comes down here.

In your Letter of the 17th of September you tell me that you have often Written to Your Father Superior that if I deemed it advisable to grant the hurons the refuge they ask near me, they would like that their brothers of the Sault should go and remove them and light a fresh fire for them. You do not mention the people of the Lake, who are their brothers as well as the Others, and even their Close friends. And Yet in the message you sent to Father De lauzon¹ on the 12th of August, 1738, Sastaretsy asks that I, as well as his brothers of the Sault, of the Lake, and of Lorette, be informed of the situation in which he is placed by the Multitude of his Enemies. For this rea-

¹Pierre de Lauzon, superior of Canadian missions from 1732 to 1739.—Ed.