

ence for your families and retain your hunting Grounds. Through the interest I take in all that concerns you, and the great affection I have for My Children, the Outaouacs, I see none more suitable for you than Poutchitaouy,¹ the point of Pamitobé, or L'arbre Croche [the Crooked tree],² which however I find rather Far. Choose, My Children, that one of all those Places that Suits you, and reflect well upon the matter. Remember the advantages you have enjoyed in Being near the French, who buy your Canoes, your gum, your Indian corn, your fats, and all that your industry produces; this enables you to live more Comfortably with your families, and you would not enjoy those advantages if you Were far Away from them.

By a great Collar that you will Undertake to deliver to Monsieur de Celoron, I light your fire at the Spot you will select from amongst those I have indicated to you.

I will also charge you to deliver to him a large Flag that he himself may set it over your villages, and he will raise it so high that I shall be able to see it and have the satisfaction of saying: I have Settled My Children in a Place where they can live in peace and comfort. I shall learn the News of this with pleasure next spring.

As your Elders appeared to me to have great confidence In Monsieur de Celoron, I Send him to found that Establishment. Listen well to his words which are Mine.

I have learned, My Children, that you went to Chouéghen [Oswego] to get Bad milk; there is good milk here. Why do you not come and get it since you like it so much? You have never been refused any and my Breasts are full. I will make them flow with pleasure when their milk does not spoil the

¹"The locality between Carp and Pine rivers at the extremity of Bay St. Ignace [St. Martin's Bay], at the head of Lake Huron. See Belin's *Carte du Detroit du Lac Superieur*."—Note of O'Callaghan to transcript in *N. Y. Colon. Docs.* Pamitabé is apparently another name for the same spot.—ED.

²Immediately north of Little Traverse Bay, at the northwest corner of the peninsula of Michigan.—O'CALLAGHAN.