

binds and holds them. Angouiro, a famous chief of the opposite party, that is, of those who do not wish to go down, Angouiro, I say, more obstinate than ever, persists still in the same feelings. I have every reason to Fear that this man may spoil my success, as he joins to a cunning and subtle mind, the ability of an accomplished politician. He listens to everything and never makes answer. Presents and other inducements—nothing is spared; and in order to prove to you, My dear Uncle, how far I have to carry my Flattery in order to get a hold on The stubborn Spirit of this firm antagonist, I invited him yesterday evening to take supper with me. Invoked to speak frankly This sly rogue, fearing the wine might betray him, and lead him to disclose what was in his mind, took the precaution of eating and Drinking only with the very greatest moderation.

The Fair sex, Among the hurons as with us, has absolute power over the Minds of the men. I brought nothing from Montreal for them, but I have remedied this deficiency by having made a Fine Collar of 1500 beads of porcelain, which I Intend to give to them with some bags of flour, in order to gain them over to my side. I have proposed this scheme to Monsieur de Noyan, and he seemed to approve of it. I have the honor of reporting to you the speeches to be made on that occasion.

The large Collar which you did me the honor of sending me was found too White; I have had 1400 beads of black porcelain added to it. The Convoy Has not yet arrived, and I do not know what orders you send me by it. Here everybody is fasting and lamenting. You could not get a livre of flour in the whole fort for Gold or silver.

As the provisions I brought are not very abundant and will not last long, if I am obliged to spend the winter here, as appears extremely probable, I am taking advantage of the gracious offers made me by Monsieur de Laperade. I will bring what I Need in the Canoes of his brother, while waiting for supplies to arrive from Montreal.