

ence of his wife and eight Children, whom we have to support, as they come to our Cabins every day for food. He wanted to leave the Post and go to the Illinois; we Urged him to remain, telling him that you would be good enough to free him from his work. We trust, My Father, that you will not refuse this request.

My Father, you gave us much pleasure in sending us Monsieur de Celoron. We have been told that you are taking him from us. He will be regretted by all the village; he has been very kind to us. You give us Monsieur de Vercheres in his place. As he knows us, we Hope he will show us the same kindness. We will do everything in our power to make him satisfied with us.

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*Speech of the Outaouacs of Saguinan to Monsieur the Marquis de Beauharnois, Governor general of New France, June 18, 1742.*

MY FATHER—Monsieur de Blainville came on your behalf to our village last spring, to bring us your message.

My Father, he barred the road to the English to us by a Collar and by presents, telling us that it Was your will, and he invited us to come here and Listen to you.

My Father, I had no difficulty in making up my mind to come down as soon as I saw it was your will, although I had never been in your village. I braved all the rapids and the dangers to have the pleasure of seeing you; we thought we should perish in the rapids where one of our Canoes was broken; we Hope you will have another supplied us for our return.

My Father, I have told you that I had never come down here. I Listened to the speech of the Chief you Sent to us. I come to Hear yours and to assure you in the name of all our village that we will never do anything but your will. I do not think, My father, that you will Hear of any of us going to the English, since that is your intention.