

French Regime in Wisconsin

My Children, I have carefully Considered the representations you have made to me with reference to one Amiot, a blacksmith. I have entered into his trouble and into yours. I have consequently given my orders to Monsieur de Vercheres. You will have reason to be satisfied with the arrangement I have made.

My Children, I am delighted with your gratitude towards Monsieur de Celoron for the kindness he has Shown you. He had asked me to be allowed to come down on his private affairs; I could not refuse him. You will find that Monsieur de Vercheres will show you the same attention when you Listen to his words, which are mine.

My Children, Monsieur de Celoron has informed me that several of your War Chiefs had planned to strike a blow at the Scioux. By these branches of Porcelain I stay your Tomahawk until I have received news from la Baye and have made my intentions known to you through Monsieur de Verchères.

My Children, complaints have reached me from the French who are Settled at Missilimakinac, that your young men and the Sauteux do them considerable damage by stealing from their gardens and their fields, and by killing and wounding their animals. You must put a stop to this disorder by speaking to your young men. I charge you to say as much to the Sauteux on my behalf. You must know that when my French do you an injury, I make them repair it at Once.

By Presents

Here, My Children, are proofs of my affection and of my satisfaction with you. Smoke calmly on your mats; Drink peacefully of my Milk like true brothers.

I charge you, My Children, to carry this present to Agoabémé, whom I esteem, and to give it to him from me. By this same present I ask him to remain in peace on the mat I have Spread for you in your new village.