

council: "For what object shall we go down there to our Father? Shall we go to justify ourselves? We cannot, after all the steps we have taken to Induce him to remove us from a Place where we were in continual alarm, and where we had everything to fear for our wives and Children.

"To Induce our Father to hold out his hand and be favorable to us, what have we left untried to move his goodness?

"Four years ago we Sent him a message to inform him of the situation in which we were placed by the multitude of our Enemies. What did our Father do? He Sent us presents to cover the dead, to console the afflicted, and to stay the tomahawk of the young men whose hearts might be turned to evil, and he Urged us to remain at Detroit after the affair imputed to our nephews should be Completely settled.

"We abandoned our clearings and spent the winter at Sandoské because we could not calm the Minds of our wives and Children.

"Orotony Sent branches of Porcelain to our Father on behalf of the whole village; by these he asked permission to go and Settle near him, as he could no longer live in peace at Detroit.

"We Sent two Collars to our Father. By the first we asked him to grant us a tract of land near him, so that our wives and Children might be in safety, and we told him by that Collar that if he showed us not that kindness we would go and die in some Distant Spot.

"By the second we begged him to give us an officer to go down with us to protect us from attack.

"We said that if the people of the Lake and of the Sault had Compassion on our wives and Children, they would come and comfort us on our mats and kindle a fresh fire for us in a Spot where they would consider us in Safety.

"We represented to our Father that during the time we were at Missilimakinac we received an embassy from our brothers of the Lake and of the Sault, whereby they invited us to go near them saying to us: "Come, my brothers, you are in the