

midst of a multitude of nations that love you not and of whose customs you are ignorant.'

"We also represented to our Father that the late Monsieur de Vaudreuil Exhorted us at that time to leave as soon as possible Nations that hated us, and that he said to us: 'come near me; you will find here a safe refuge, a Father, a Protector.'

"We replied to him that we would some day follow the advice he had just given us, and would seize the first pretext that might arise to go near him.

"We said that our wives and Children were so frightened that they could live in safety nowhere except near our Father; that the whole village were of that opinion; that we spoke on their behalf, and that our resolution was taken.

"By a Narrow Collar we asked our Father not to refuse our request, and to draw us to him; and said we Hoped he would have compassion on our condition.

"By another message we said that our resolution to draw near our Father was taken for ever, and that nothing could make us Alter it, because the huron knew not what it was to break his word nor to have a second thought succeed a first one he had deemed reasonable; and that all our reflections had been made before our measures were taken.

"Our Father took pity on us and granted all our requests. We had our thanks conveyed to him, and we begged Monsieur de Noyan to follow us and come and live with us on the tract of land our Father had granted us.

"To give us fresh proofs of singular kindness, our Father Sent us his nephew last spring with Collars and presents to fulfil the promise he had given us; he asked the people of the Lake and of the Sault—whom we ourselves had often asked—to follow him.

"That is what Our Father has done for us. Have we responded to his attentions otherwise than with ingratitude?"

Hurons, that is what I imagine Sastaretsy is saying with the whole of your village.

My Children, I have just remembered that your elders left the deciding of all these matters with the young men, and