

me the Hearts of the young men should have been compelled by Illness to discontinue his journey. I have received his message with joy, and I charge you to bear him mine. You may say on my behalf to all the young men, that so long as they Listen to my words, I will always include them in the number of my true Children.

My Children, I am greatly afflicted by the loss you have experienced through the death of your Warriors who were killed by the Chicachas. Here is a leaf I throw on their Bodies, and a Drink of Milk to wipe away your Tears.

My Children, you have given me pleasure by following the Road I have traced out for you. It will always be clear, and you will never find any Ambush in it.

My Children, I have already told you that I received with pleasure the Hearts of all your young men. I receive yours and your Calumet with Equal satisfaction.

My Children, I know that you Are not accustomed to Canoes. I will therefore give you Frenchmen to Convey you.

*By a Collar*

My Children, you do rightly in weeping for the death of Monsieur de Vincennes. I had given him to you because I knew he loved you and you loved him greatly. By this Collar, I ask you to continue to avenge his death.

My Children, here is some of my Milk for your young men; they will see that I have Listened to their request.

My Children, you are aware that it costs a great deal to convey Goods to your villages, and that there is a considerable difference between your road and that of Detroit. Nevertheless, I take your request into Consideration. There will be several traders, and you will be Masters to seek a cheap market.

My Children, I will have an answer given to your request for Monsieur Denoyelle. I must first know how your villages are to be arranged.