

French Regime in Wisconsin

To the Petikokias

My son, although thou hast never appeared in Councils, I think nothing evil will come from thee.

My son, I am delighted that thou hast the same heart and the same sentiments as thy brothers, and that thou followest the traces of thy Father and of thy ancestors.

My son, I know thy Heart is sincere; thou are right in saying I have only one word.

My son, I am delighted that thy young men are quiet in your village; thou seest that I have pity on them.

My son, I know what thou hast done with Regard to the Nation whereof thou hast spoken to me.¹ It has acknowledged its error and I have forgiven it.

It is right, my son, that thou shouldst continue to avenge the Blows struck by the Chicachas upon the French and upon Monsieur de Vincennes. I ask thee to join thyself to the Collar I have just given for all your Nation.

My son, I am pleased to see that thou wishest to have the sky Clear. I will always strive to have it so.

To the Kikapoux

My son, I know that thou hast never Deviated from the road I traced out for thee. To give thee proofs of my satisfaction, I change thy medal; and I give thee thine for thy son, that he may be recognized as a Chief through that mark of distinction.

My son, I know that I have given thee my Heart and that thou bearest it continually with thee.

My Children, I am pleased that you have widened the road I traced out for you.

My son, I leave thee at liberty to Settle in the meadow of the Maskoutins.

My son, I Hope the master of life will preserve thee long enough to allow of my having the pleasure of seeing thee here again.

¹ Note on original MS.: "The Renards."