

To the Kikapoux and Maskoutins

My Children, here is a Collar that I give you to ask you, as I have asked your brothers the Ouyatanons and Petikokias, to continue to strike the Chicachas.

That is all I have to say to you.

Speeches of the Outaouacs of Detroit in two bands, to Monsieur the Marquis de Beauharnois, Governor-general of New France, July 14, 1742.

*Kinousakis*¹

My father, I have not been here for four years and you say to us: my Children, I expect nothing from you but your open Hearts.

My Father, you also say to us, My Children, let no evil affairs ever happen in the Place where you are, and, saying this, you give us a medal.

My Father, while returning home, we heard bad news at Niagara. We Were greatly Embarassed as to what we should do.

My Father, while we were at Niagara, the Commandant told us he had received a Letter from Monsieur de Noyelle who was our Father at Detroit, and told us to travel at night and make haste.

My Father, when we arrived at Detroit, we heard all the bad news; we wished not to Listen to it, because we were returning from our Father's.

¹ Kinousakis (Quinousak) was a staunch friend of the French till his death (1752). Between him and Mékinac there was some rivalry, and similar presents were conferred (1747) on both, lest the lukewarm Mékinac might create disorder. Kinousakis went (1748) on behalf of the French to the Miami River, hoping to lead back the disaffected Huron under Nicolas, but found they had gone on to White River. When he died, Longueuil wrote: "We lose a chief who was, apparently, much attached to the French."—ED.