

*By a Collar*

My Father, you will perhaps not find my speech good because I have no Sense.

My Father, the reason why I said to you that I had no Sense is because we amused ourselves drinking and Koutaouen has lost his medal. He dared not present himself before you with empty hands.

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*Reply of Monsieur the Marquis de Beauharnois, Governor-general of New France, to the Speeches of the Outaouacs of Detroit, July 21, 1742.*

My Children, you must have no doubt regarding the pleasure I have felt in seeing you arrive here in good health.

My Children, I know that it is four years since you came to see me; the time has seemed long and I have been Lonely. I tell you once more that I expect nothing from you but your hearts.

My Children, I will always repeat what I have said to you: that I wish no evil affairs to happen in the Places where my true Children are.

My Children, I have learned all the bad news you heard on your arrival at Niagara, and the Embarrassment in which you found yourselves. I know also that you asked the Commandant for guns to defend yourselves in case of attack, and that he replied to you that Monsieur de Noyelle had restored all things to order, and that you did not need them.

My Children, you were right in not Listening to the bad news that was told you on your arrival at Detroit. You must remember that the Hurons cleared themselves of the charge before you. Always think, My Children, that you are returning from my house, because you are present to me at all times, and you must not move in any matter, without first learning what I think.

My Children, it is right that all your young men should have gone on the war-path against our Common Enemies, and that