

have pity on me, and to Teach me to live properly; that is what I Want to do.

My Father, I will not tell you What I have done, because I think Monsieur Marin and Monsieur de la Ronde have reported it to you. Here is the Message of the Scioux, Sakis, and Renards with whom I have made Peace.¹ I bring it to you that you may keep it, because it would much better be in your hands than in mine.

The folles-Avoines, on the 25th of the said month

My Father, I have not come here without design. Monsieur Marin said to me: "man a Canoe with Chiefs, go down below that you may yourselves tell your Father of the Blow you struck." I obeyed and came down as you see us before you.

It is true, My Father, that we did wrong in striking the Renards our brothers. The Chiefs did not consent to it, and had nothing to do with it. A young Giddy-pate committed the deed that causes us so much Trouble today.

My Father, knowing the fault I have committed, I come to deliver my body into your hands.

My Father, never have I done evil, because I have always followed your advice and done your will. It has seemed to me that the French only were my allies.

My Father, we have come also to Listen to the speeches of the Scioux, Renards, Sakis, Puants, and Sauteux, our allies, your Children, who have come down here to ask you for Peace and quiet. We come for the same purpose, and have no doubt they have spoken of it to you.

My Father, the reason why you see so many of us, is that I have brought with me the more dangerous of the young Warriors, whom I have bound, so that, if the Renards Wish to revenge themselves, they may do so more easily, as we have left women only in our village.

My Father, I know not what to do to give an opening to

¹Note on original MS.: "it is a collar."