

my Enemy, that he may revenge himself more quietly. We come to weep near you, and we beg you to settle the trouble we are now in. That is all we have to say to you.

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*Reply of Monsieur the Marquis de Beauharnois, Governor General of New France, to the speeches of the Scioux, Sakis, Renards, Puants, Sauteux of la pointe de Chagouamigon, and folles-avoines, July 28, 1742.*

*To the Scioux*

My Children, you are right in saying that you are fortunate in being permitted to appear today before me, in being granted the favor you ask of me, and in being included by me in the number of my true Children.

My Children, you have seen for yourselves that what the whole earth told you is true. You have seen also that I have accepted your Calumet and have smoked it, to show you how I wish peace and quiet to reign amongst the Nations of my Children. You must have perceived that I have pity on you.

My Children, I saw the two young men you sent me, Ouabacha and Sintéz. I replied to their speeches. They made me, indeed, promises on your behalf, which they have not kept, because the same Ouabacha killed one of my Frenchmen in the River of the Illinois, and since then another Frenchman has been killed in the Mississippi country, and one has been captured, whom you gave the Sakis and Renards to be handed over to Monsieur Marin.

My Children, you would have done much better had you Chiefs come down here instead of sending young men. Perhaps those evil things would not have happened, because you would have paid more attention to my words.

My Children, you did rightly in coming down with Monsieur Marin to beg your lives of me. I grant them to you on condition that no evil affair shall ever happen. I think that all you have said to me is sincere, and comes from the bottom