

of your hearts. You must not forget that if you strike another evil blow I will let loose all my Frenchmen and the Nations that ask no better than to swoop down on your villages, to revenge themselves for all you have done in the past.

My Children, you must know that long ago I Sent an officer with Frenchmen, to the Cristinaux, Monsonis, and Assiniboils to bear my message to them, and tell them from me that my intention was that they should make peace with you.¹ Five years ago they Sent an Envoy from those three Nations who told me they had Sent a Collar, a Calumet of Peace, and Black Tobacco to your villages, and two years had elapsed without their getting an answer. From that time I have not ceased to give orders with the same object, and I will give fresh ones to conciliate all things. Meanwhile keep quiet and Listen well to Monsieur Marin whom I send back with you. As during your return journey you may meet some of your people coming from those Places, be not uneasy about them. You can come and get them next year, and I will deliver them to you. This, My Children, for the present, is what I can do for you, and for the tranquillity of your villages.

My Children, Monsieur Marin has told me of all the blows that have been struck at you, by the various Nations Around you. I have given Collars to the Outaouacs of Missilimakinac and Saguinan, whom you met on the way, to Prevent them from striking you. You have made peace with the Sauteux of Chagouamigon. I urge you to do as much with the Puants, to forget all that has been done on both sides, and, when you meet while hunting, to live like true brothers, as you do with the Sakis, Renards, Folles-Avoines, and Poutouatamis who are here present.

¹ Doubtless Beauharnois here refers to the preparations for the establishment of the first Sioux post, and probably to the exploring and fur-trade projects of La Vérendrye.—Ed.