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Reply to their speeches of the 24th of the said month

My heart is good; I always receive my Children with pleasure when I see that they repent of their errors.

I give you your two Children who wept when they saw you. You see that I refuse you nothing, in the Hope that you will do my will.

My Children, you are to be pitied, if your young men Listen not to your words. I cannot for the present grant you the Chief you ask, to live with you, and give you Sense. I must first see how you behave, and whether your regret is sincere. Meanwhile your needs will be supplied. I give orders to Monsieur Marin to report to me on your conduct.

My Children, as I see you are naked, I give you what you need to cover you and to take you home. Here are presents for your villages, and a drink of my Milk. Let them make a good use of these and smoke quietly and peacefully on their mats, Listening to my message.

To the Sakis and Renards

My Children, I am delighted that you have lived in peace since I granted you your lives, and that Monsieur Marin has been careful to maintain tranquility in all your villages.

By a Collar

My Children, I am glad you have placed your village in the Spot where it now is, since you could not find subsistence in the former one. I am informed that you are not all gathered there Yet, and that some are at Rivière a la Roche [Rock River], others at Chikagou [Chicago], and Meloaky [Milwaukee]. By this collar, I gather you all together that you may form but one and the same village, and I declare to you that I will no more consider as my Children, those who do not obey me, because so long as you are scattered, it is impossible to avoid evil things happening.

My Children, Monsieur Marin was right in telling you not to war on any nation, and to remain quiet on your mats.