

*By a Collar*

My Children, I could not blame you for defending yourselves when the Illinois attacked you. I am pleased with you for sending back the captives you took from that Nation. I have Written what you said on the subject to the commandant of the Illinois, and have ordered him to Prevent the Illinois from picking any further quarrel with you. By this Collar I bar the road to them against you.

My Children, I have heard that you Listened to the evil words that were told you in the Direction of the River St. Joseph, and that you were informed that my intention was to gather you all together, in order the more easily to destroy you all. You must know that I am a good Father, that I have frequently given you proofs of it, and that I have not granted you your lives to take them from you. Therefore, in future, listen only to my words, and those which may be carried to you on my behalf. Consider carefully the Collar I have just given you to gather you together, and those given you by Monsieur Marin in my name for the same object.

My Children, you had reason to be surprised at seeing yourselves killed by the folles-avoines, your true brothers, who are not in the habit of getting themselves into trouble. I was as surprised as you were. They have come down to offer reparation for that affair. Here they are present with all their Warriors whom they tell me they have brought, so that you may avenge yourselves more easily, as they have left women only in their villages. They have also told me that their Chiefs had nothing to do with that evil deed, which was committed by a young Giddy-pate, and this got them into Trouble at present. They have delivered their Bodies and those of their young men to me, which must show you the regret they feel.

Monsieur Marin has told me that they came to la Baye, to see you with presents to cover your dead. He at once sent