

Monsieur de Sacquespée¹ to carry his message, by which he asked your warriors to weep quietly for them, pending my decision, which he would make known to them on his return.

As to thee, my son Pémoussa, I am pleased with thee for having accepted their presents, and for having Sent Mékaga to thy village to settle this unfortunate affair.

My son, here is something wherewith to cover thy dead, and a drink of my Milk to relieve the hearts of the afflicted ones. I Urge thee to bury this unfortunate affair so deep that it will never be spoken of again. It would be a pity to wage war against your brothers on account of a young Giddy-pate.

My Children, you can return in peace. I assure you that nothing untoward will happen on the way.

Pémoussa, and Patchipao, I give you each a Medal, to Show you that I am satisfied with you, and with the good Accounts Monsieur Marin has given me of your conduct. May this mark of distinction Induce you more and more to do my will, and to strive for what is right. Had I others, I would have given one to Pemaho, and I would have Sent another to Mékaga. It will be done next year.

My Children, as I have given you life, I grant you the daughters of Ouachalard and Patchipao, whom you have asked of me. You can leave whenever you please. I have ordered Monsieur Marin to make haste.

My Children, here are tokens of my friendship and presents for your villages. I expect you to make a good use of them.²

To the Puants

My Children, it would afford me much pleasure to see you all assembled in the same village. I charge you to say this

¹Joachim Sacquepée, sieur de Gonincourt; born in 1701, he was made second ensign in the troops in 1755, and died near the Mississippi about 1770.—ED.

²For reports of this conference with the Indians, and regrets for the expense incurred in presents, see Beauharnois's letter to the French Minister in *N. Y. Colon. Docs.*, ix, p. 1099.—ED.