

thereof, before allowing the lessees (of the Posts) to go there, sent 4 French deputies thither with messages to the Miamis, to induce them to come to Detroit. The deputies arrived at the Miamis after the blow had been struck; nevertheless, they prevailed on a good many of the Indians of that Nation to come to Detroit, to be disabused by their own eyes of Nicolas' impositions. But discouraged on seeing themselves notified by the arrival of a second Belt from Nicolas, in confirmation of the first, they went back to their village, and have merely sent to Detroit two deputies, whom M^r de Longueuil has immediately sent home with messages to disabuse that Nation of the evil speeches of Nicolas. Jaret, a Miamis chief, of the village of Tepicourt,¹ was at Detroit during all this disorder. M^r de Longueuil has thought proper to send him without delay to try and restore good order, and more particularly to save the six Frenchmen who are detained prisoners.

The Outaouas and Pouteoutamies came to Detroit, previous to the arrival of the convoy, to renew the treaty of alliance. M^r de Longueuil places no dependence on the circumstance; their past conduct gives him every reason to doubt their sincerity. A few days afterwards this officer called together these same Outaouas and Pouteoutamies, and the others who were desirous to visit him. He communicated to them our despatch of the 22^d of July, relative to the murder of the 5 Frenchmen by the Hurons, explaining to them their father's intentions in regard to this murder, and the condition on which he would pardon the Hurons therefor. The meeting applauded, and two Huron Chiefs, of the number of the seemingly faithful, in company with some others of that nation, have been to carry this message to Nicolas at Sandosket. The commission being executed, these deputies have reported for answer that Nicolas did accept, but was desirous of waiting the return of Sastaredzy,² on whose arrival he, Nicolas, would repair to

¹ A Miami tribe, also called Tepicon, possibly upon the Tippecanoe River. See Dunn, *Indiana*, p. 67, note 1.—ED.

² Note on original MS.: "This Huron Chief, much respected by his Nation, had died at Quebec on the 4th of August."