

support the French interpreters. Answered them with a belt of wampum.

Monday 7th. A fine morning. Montour not yet come, nor the Mohawks. I shall send the interpreters this day to desire that all the nations may be ready to attend the meeting to-morrow, or next day at farthest. The Light Infantry and Royal Americans are making ready to set off to-morrow, or next day at farthest. I had all the Delawares, Shawanese, Six Nations, and Huron chiefs from the south side of the lakes this afternoon, when I told them I should speak to all on Wednesday, when I desired that they and all the other nations would be ready to attend. Gave them pipes, tobacco, and rum, for their whole number, and parted very friendly.

Tuesday 8th, 1761. Fine morning. This day am about finishing what I have to do of the speech, which I am going to make to-morrow to all the nations assembled here. Also making out instructions and orders for the officers going to command at Missillimackinac, St. Joseph, Miamis, &c. On examining the goods intended for the present, many are found rotten and ruined by the badness of the boats, for want of a sufficient number of oil cloths, &c.; so that I shall be obliged to replace them, and add more goods to the present, the number of Indians being very great. In the afternoon, I had the two interpreters at my quarters, when I got Mr. Williams, of the light infantry,<sup>18</sup> to tell them in French what I intended to say, which he did very distinctly.

Wednesday 9th. Fine morning, but windy. I ordered all the seats to be out of doors for the meeting, there being no house here half large enough to meet in. Received an account this morning of the loss of one of my store boats which Montour was in.

I ordered two cannon to be fired at 10 o'clock, as a signal for them all to assemble. This day, the Light Infantry and

<sup>18</sup> Probably this was Dr. Joseph Williams, surgeon of the 80th infantry. He was commissioned March 18, 1758, being drowned in Lake Erie on the night of Nov. 7, 1763, while conveying succor from Niagara to the beleaguered garrison at Detroit.—Ed.