

ways' Encampment where the Spoil was divided, and a Council held, in what Manner the Officers were to be put to Death. In the mean Time the News reached the Ottawa Town 30 Miles from Missilimakinak, who without any Delay sat off armed to Missilimakinak, and inquired into the Reason of the Chipeways Behaviour. The latter had nothing to say but that a few Days before the Blow, they received Belts of Wamp^m from Pontiac, the Ottawas' Chief at Detroit, in conjunction with y^e Chiefs of their Nation living there, informing them of the Rupture with the English, and desiring them to cut off Missilim^k. The Ottawas were surprised and chagreened and insisted upon the Chipways delivering up the Pris^{rs}, &c.

The latter to reconcile themselves with the Ottawas, made up a Heap of Goods and put Mr. Lassley & 2 Soldiers by them as their Share of the Prey, but they would not accept of it, and demanded all the Pris^{rs}. The Chipways at last gave way and delivered over Mr. Lassley and the Soldiers and demanded a Ransom for the Traders, which they agreed to, and being every one exchanged they took them into their Care and afterwards escorted them safe to this Place. The Officers and Traders can not say enough of the good Behaviour of these Ottawas and Gen^l Gage⁵³ is resolved to use and reward them well for their Behaviour. As Capt. Ethrington is going to Gen. Amherst, you will doubtless hear the Particulars of the whole Affair. By what I can find none but the Chipeways at Missilim^k and those of the same Nation & Ottawas at Detroit, are concerned in the present Breach. All the rest of the western Nations, and even som Chipways living at the Falls of St. Mary would not engage or receive the Belts sent by Pontiac, and on the contrary are very well inclined to our Interest, in particular the Nations living at La Bay, and the Sioux, who

⁵³Gen. Thomas Gage (1721-87) entered the army at the age of twenty, serving first in Flanders. He came to America with Braddock and served through the war, being placed in command of Montreal upon its surrender. Late in 1763 he replaced Amherst as commander-in-chief, stationed at New York. His later career in Massachusetts, where he was stationed in 1775, is well known.—Ed.