vinced his own tribesmen and in turn all the red men, that God appeared to him and said:

"I am the Master of Life, it is I who have made all men, therefore I ought to watch over their preservation. That is why I give you warning, that if you suffer the English among you, you are dead. The diseases they bring, smallpox, and their imprisoning you, will totally destroy you. You must pray to me and do nothing that is not reported to me, I will sustain you, but you must abandon your mats and your manitous; a plurality of wives is against my law."

This pretended apparition has had an effect that I can scarcely explain to you, I am perfectly convinced of its influence among the Poutéouatamis, who have rejected their mats and manitous, who live with only one wife, perform their devotions night and morning and all wish to be baptized.

The 27 of October, I received a letter from the chief Pontiak, that I enclose to you.

I have recalled from the Peorias the Sieur Toulon, as well as his garrison. I have reduced that of fort Massac to fifteen men and an officer, I have had transported to Sainte-Geneviève all the artillery that is in good repair. It consists of five pieces of cannon, one of three and four of two [pounds], eighty cannon-balls and nineteen grenades. There remain three pieces of artillery, which I have given orders to have dismounted at the moment of evacuation.

Spite of my desire to return to my penates, that desire would go for nothing, if I believe it would be opposed to the good of the service, but, less to make my apology than that of the post, I have the honor to observe to you that the commandant here has always been regarded by all the tribesmen as a father ready to aid them, notably during the last three years, when I have succeeded in contenting them although deprived of all succor from Canada.

The savages congratulate themselves to see me here yet, after all the preparations [to secure this post] that they have seen made from fort Duquesne. They say to me constantly: "Take