

Clark says, with *Louis* in alliance,
 He sets your father at defiance.
 That he, too, hopes, ere long, to gain
 Assistance from the King of Spain,
 When he will come unto this place,
 And put your *Nossa*²¹ to disgrace—
 Like Matchiquis, at foot-ball sport,²²
 With arms concealed, surprised his fort;
 Compel him, sword in hand, to fall,
 Or ship him off for Montreal;
 When at the straits,²³ sly *Maskeash*
 Will shoot each flying *Sagenash*.²⁴
 Suppose awhile his threats prove true,
 My children! What becomes of you?
 Your sons,—your daughters,—and your wives—
 Must they be hacked with these big knives?²⁵
 Sure you have heard the aged tell,
 How Ferdinand and Isabelle
 Their empty coffers filled with gold?—
 The story makes my blood run cold—
 Their war-chiefs hunted down with hounds,
 And covered o'er with ghastly wounds
 All such as did not dare oppose
 The first invasion of their foes?—
 Then, will you like the Mexicans,

²¹ Indian name for Father, when speaking of the commandant in council.—A. S. DE P.

²² Under pretence of playing, he kicked the ball over the fort picquets, rushed in with his band, and accomplished his purpose.—A. S. DE P.

Comment by Ed. A reference to the fall of Fort Michillimackinac in 1763. For this chieftain, see *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, vii, pp. 188–194.

²³ The Straits leading from Lake Sinclair (St Clair) to Lake Huron.—A. S. DE P.

²⁴ Indian name for an Englishman.—A. S. DE P.

²⁵ A name for their American enemies, particularly the Virginians.—A. S. DE P.