

*Reply of Monsieur de Céloron to la Demoiselle and to le Baril in the same council.*

“I have listened to you, my children, and I have weighed well your words. Whether you have not well understood me, or whether you pretend not to have done so, you have not replied to what I said to you. I proposed to you, on the part of your father Ontonio, to come with me to Kiskanon in order there to relight your fire, and replace your mats; you postpone this until next spring. I should have been charmed to tell your father Onontio that I had brought you back; that would have given him pleasure because of the interest that he takes in whatever concerns you. You have given me your word to come there at the end of the winter; be faithful to your promise. You assure me of this in the strongest manner, and if you fail, fear the resentments of a father who has only too much reason to be irritated against you and who has offered you the means of regaining his good graces.”

*Reply to these words by la Demoiselle and le Baril.*

“My father, we will be faithful in executing the promise that we have given you; we will return at the end of the winter to our former abode, and, if the Master of life favors our hunting, we hope to repair our past faults. Be persuaded that we do not speak with the tips of our lips, but from the bottom of the heart. We could not at present, return whither you wish to conduct us, as the season is too far advanced.”

The council finished, I detained several old men to try and discover if what they had just said to me was sincere. While I spoke with these Savages, who assured me that all these two villages would return, in the spring to Kiskakon and that what detained them was not having any cabins built where I wished to conduct them, and that whilst hunting in the winter, they would approach their former village and would certainly return thither, Roy, whom I had requested of Monsieur de Raymond arrived the 19th. I waited to try, by means of Roy, to induce la Demoiselle with some other chiefs to go with