

*Children,*

You have informed me that you are deputed by the seven villages of Lower Canada, and by all the nations of the upper country which sent deputies to the general council held at the Miamis, except the Chawauous, Miamis and Loups.

*Children,*

You remind me of what passed at the council fire at Quebec, just before my last departure for England, when I promised to represent their situation and wishes to the king their father, and expressed my hope that all the grievances they complained of, on the part of the United States, would soon be done away, by a just and lasting peace.

*Children,*

I remember all very well; I remember that they pointed out to me the line of separation, which they wished for between them and the United States, and with which they would be satisfied and make peace.

*Children,*

I was in expectation of hearing from the people of the United States what was required by them; I hoped I should have been able to bring you together, and make you friends.

*Children,*

I have waited long, and listened with great attention; but I have not heard one word from them.

*Children,*

I flattered myself with the hope that the line, proposed in the year eighty-three, to separate us from the United States, which was immediately broken by themselves as soon as the peace was signed, would have been minded, or a new one drawn in an amicable manner; here also I have been disappointed.

*Children,*

Since my return, I find no appearance of a line remains; and from the manner in which the people of the States push on, and act and talk on this side,