

The commandant replied, that he had not yet received the merchandize, but if they wanted some brandy he had a fine lot. He ended by giving them the value of a little kettle, which they consumed on the spot as they had not enough to get away with.

They informed us that the vessel which they were building at Niagara was thirteen fathoms long, and that the Sauteurs of Michilimackinac had been at Niagara to see how they would be treated, but that they had returned very discontented, the commandant having only allowed them to sell their merchandizes. They also said that all the Indian nations around the lakes had made a league together,¹ and that the Missisakes alone had not as yet engaged in it, and that a great Iroquois chief had come to bring the words to the Little Chief, and to engage to come to council at the homes of the Five Nations, to find the means of making the land quiet. This chief had refused it, saying to him that if they had any council to hold, they might come themselves and find them, and he would hear them. Since then they had been much cast down, and the Iroquois had resolved to come and find him. They refused to inform the Little Chief upon the object and result of this assembly. The party of Iroquois sent out to Oneida Lake was met by another of Onondagas. They agreed between themselves to return.

¹ Under the chief Pondiac. — *Note in Original.*