

requested us all to be seated also. Behind his chair stood his adjutants ; and, on his left, his interpreter. The Indians were then ordered to be also seated by the side of the interpreter. After sitting a few moments, one of the savages, the chief of the entire nation, arose, shook hands first with the General and then with Captain Carleton, and addressed the former as follows :

“ MY FATHER :

“ Thy word, which thou hast sent to all the world, has also reached my ears ; and as soon as I heard it, my heart and my ears were united. I would have brought with me, also, my young men who are as willing, as I am, to obey thy word ; but, My Father, thou, as the ruler of the world, knowest better than I, that it could not be done. The long distance, the dangers of the journey, also the great hardships which I had to endure, would not have kept back one of my men from seeing thee, the father of the world ; but they had to remain behind to protect our children, our cattle, and our sick brothers. This, my father, we owe to them. For this reason, therefore, I started with only a few of my nation to obey thy word and see thee \* \* \*

“ We had much to endure on our journey, but no difficulty could deter us, and we came to thy city (Montreal), where I saw a man whom you, My Father, must know, who had orders from thee to reveal to me thy will. I wished to see thee, and said so to the man whom thou knowest. He answered me. The Father of the World comes to-morrow : he comes day after to-morrow ; but thou camest not, My Father. The man told me to be quiet and I was quiet, and enquired every morning after thee but in vain. I resolved, therefore, to look for thee ; and the man, whom thou knowest, was satisfied and sent me hither ; but to him, who stands by thy side (Capt. Carleton), I owe it that I have met thee, for he led me. I am, above all of my nation, glad to be present on this occasion ; for I can see