

are your chief support: because they furnish you, in your own country, with arms, ammunition and clothing. — Some of you have traders that are not your Great Father's children; treat them likewise with respect: for if you do not, they may injure you —

Children — I know you are anxious to hear your Great Father answer to the representations you made last year: but only one, of the three nights, has yet passed over; therefore you cannot, as yet, complain — Your Father at Quebec is a great warrior, and you may depend upon his doing you every justice, in his power, according to your merits —

Children — I have repeated to you the advice of your Father at Montreal, which, if you follow, you will live happy — At present I have nothing more to say to you —

The Black Hawk, a Sautie Chief, then arose and (holding a war belt in his hand) said —

"Father — I shake our Great Father by the hand, likewise our Father at Quebec, Montreal, Fort George, and all you that are now present, and beg you will patiently listen to what I am going to say —

Father — It is not for my own nation only that I speak: but I speak for all your Red Children, who are obedient children and always listen to your paroles and counsels —

Father — You have no idea of our miserable situation — A black cloud is overrunning our country, taking our lands from us, and threatening us with destruction —

We have not slept, either in peace, or tranquillity, since we laid down the hatchet and smoked the pipe with the Big Knives, as you desired us — I have a long speech to deliver and hope you will listen with patience to what I have to say —

My eyes were dim and I could not see clear, until I had

had passed some bad spirits that are your neighbours: but when I had passed that last hedge, or boundary, between our country and you, I regained the use of my eyesight — The weather became clear, and as we approached, we found the weather quite warm and clear — Our young men began to shout, and sing with joy on seeing the Red Coats, and when they reached your shores they said "We now love and we shall once more hear good news from a Father whom we love, and for whom we would die,"

Father — This is the Tomahawk you gave me when you desired me to make war on the Big Knives — You told me to lose it, and never abandon it — You told me to fight those bad spirits till the moment that you would cease to fight; which you would not do until they were dispersed and drove off our lands — You told me, with this

War Club, <sup>to</sup> pack our guns, that they were not strong: that our Great Father, when he would be really angry, would blow those bad spirits off the earth, if they did not do as he would desire: and that when he made peace we should be considered as Englishmen and your brethren — This was not

only told us by you, my Father; but by the Red Headed <sup>old</sup> Caldwell the agent at Amherstburg and by our Great Father's Chief <sup>of</sup> pointing to Warren at Quebec: this Meshamewasay was at Quebec many <sup>times</sup> with his own eyes, saw the Great Warren, and with his own ears, heard him repeat nearly the same words that you, yourself told me — This is what the Great War Chief said (presenting Sir George Prevost's speech to the Western

Indeminations, of which the following is a true copy.) "Speech of His Excellency Sir George Prevost, Baronet Governor in Chief and Commander of the Forces in British North America, to the Deputation of Chiefs and Warriors of the Western Nations in a Council held at Quebec the 17<sup>th</sup> of March 1814 —

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