

you that in your national concerns you are not to listen to their councils, both your duty and interest will lead you to listen to this advice; your duty because you live in our Country; your interest because we are the only nation that can afford you protection, and we offer it to you without any sacrifice on your part. Has this been your situation heretofore, while you was under the protection of the British Government. Some of you now living can show the Scars you have received in wars in which you have had no interest, and the country is covered with the bones of your Fathers who were sacrificed in those wars. Trifles and gewgaws have been the only consideration for the best Blood of your Nations.

Fourteenth:—

MY CHILDREN. We are in peace and friendship with that nation and all mankind. We hope to continue so. If however contrary to our wishes, we should hereafter be involved in war with any nation, the policy of your American Fathers towards you will be different from that to which you have been accustomed. In such an event you will listen to his Council alone. He has directed me to inform you that you are to take no part in quarrels that do not concern you, to remain quite at your villages. He does not wish you to waste your blood in fighting his battles. He is strong enough to fight them without your assistance. He warns you, however, in the most solemn manner to take no part against him. He informs you of the consequences of such conduct that if any of his Red Children should be so lost to their duty as to take up the hatchet against him, he will exterminate them from the country and they shall never again reside on the land which covers the bones of their Fathers. I have considered it my duty to make this representation, that you may warn your young, inconsiderate warriors of the dreadful consequences of violating the duty they owe to the Government which is willing, and which is alone able to protect them.

Fifteenth:—

MY CHILDREN. I have only one subject more to communicate to you. The nations to which you belong extend over a large tract of country and you can have little communication with each other. You have made several treaties with the United States. Those Annuities have heretofore been delivered at Detroit and many of you have received no proportion of them. Indeed your brethren to the Southward say the Annuities are given for lands on which they resided: That you have sold none to the Northward and they consider themselves as entitled to the consideration. They say that this Island, the Island of Bois Blanch, and a small tract on the Strait between lake Huron and Michigan are all which have been ceded in this part of the