

MR. BOILEAU TO THE GREAT CHIEF OF THE OUNIBAGOES.

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MY FRIENDS

As you have had the confidence to suffer two of your Warriors to risk themselves, for the purpose of visiting your Great Father, the President of the United States, Mr. Madison, it was not without risk that I accepted them from the danger they ran in passing thro' the midst of the Ounibagoes, who have the renown of making war on the Americans—Nevertheless, I saved them, in spite of the tempest that appeared to be raised against them, which safety they owe to the President of the United States. I carried them with me as good Indians were willing to do good to their Nation, and hoped to put them in the right way (for they have seen everything that is passing, which way is that of peace, being the safest;) and not interfere in the quarrels between the white people, if they mean to retain their liberty—Take courage! Remain quiet, seeing every Nation is your Enemy and it is only me that supports you,—Moreover, if you behave well, you will, this Spring, know the heart of a good father, who yet tries to draw you

out of the error in which your English Trader has thrown you—Open your eyes! listen to your good father's talk! who is yet willing to forgive you the crimes you have committed—If not, there will be an end of your Nation, and then I shall hold down my head as well as you.—Farewell!—Believe in a friend that still pities you and the other Nations who now wish they had followed my advice, and for which they will reproach themselves for, when too late—Farewell my Friends; I shall see you this Spring and I hope I shall find you changed on sentiments.

(Signed) N. BOILEAU Agent

I beg Mr. Roe will read this talk to the Ounibagoes, Menominies and other Nations who are against the United States.

A true copy

(Signed) JOHN LAMBTON ENSN

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Directed to the Great Chief of the Ounibagoes. To be read by Mr. Roe, under Agent of the United States