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you that unless you take my advice it will not be well for you & your children. — The Wiandots then produced to the Delaw.s a large Tomhawk Belt on which they spoke as follows. —

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Cousins.

Our father the English Gov.r at Detroit has spoke to his Children. — He said — Children, I now acquaint you that I have spoke to my children the Big Knife three Times but they will not listen to me I therefore deliver the Hatchet & desire that you will strike them with it

Children,

I desire you will kill only such of the Big Knife as carry Guns I do not mean that you should hurt Women or Children. — I now tell you that I have shut up all their ports & mean to drive them in a small Compass like a Drove of Bullocks & so soon as they are fat I will slay them all.

Now Cousins listen to me.

There are now 80,000 Men ready to land at Pt. a great many at Charlestown in Carolina & a number will, proceed from Niagara with 600 Indians to fort Pitt. the Cherokees are to join those who land at Charlestown. — I have brought you this Tomhawk. I have sent an other to the Shawanese, when you accept it all the big knife att the will be effectually surrounded, & so soon as they find this to be the Case they will cry out for fear.

Cousins.

You see how Matters stand nothing can stop our Intentions, we shall not listen to any persons who may wish to stop us.

Brothers.

This is what our Uncles the Wiandots spoke to us lately by the half King & an other chief from Detroit with 17 others. — I will now tell you the answer the Delaware Council gave to them.

Uncles.

I thank you for informing me with every thing that has happened. — I now tell you that I can look toward Cocoosing but I cannot turn over my bed there. The reason is that if I do all my women & Children must suffer for want of Bread to eat. I also inform you that all other Nations desire me to be strong & to continue to hold fast of good Works the love in her