

National Archives, Records of the Secretary of War, Letters Received, 1811, H-120 (6).

William Henry Harrison Governor of the Indiana Territory to the Miami Eel river & Wea Tribe of Indians

My Children, you had left this place but two days, when I had received letters from your great father the President of the seventeen fires, and it was my wish that you should know what they contained, because their content was of consequence to you--I sent after you one of your own people inviting you to return. You not only refused to do so but you insulted my messenger--You insulted me & the great chief of the seventeen fires whom I represent--You told him that the letters which I pretended to have received were forgeries.

My Children--This conduct of yours has grieved me much and my anger against you was for a while very great but I have now call it off--And I feel nothing but pity for you & anger against those who have deceived you. I now speak to you in the name of your Father the President of the seventeen fires--listen to me.

My Children--My eyes are open and I am now looking towards the Wabash--I see a dark cloud hanging over it, those who have ran it itended it for my destruction; but I will turn it upon their own heads--My Children, I hoped that you would not be injured by this could, you have seen it gathering you had timely notice to keep clear of it, the thunder begins to roll take care that it does not burst upon your heads.