

HISTORY
AND
GENERAL DESCRIPTION
OF
NEW FRANCE:

WHEREIN WILL BE FOUND

ALL THAT RELATES TO THE DISCOVERIES AND CONQUESTS
OF THE FRENCH IN NORTH AMERICA.

BOOK VIII.

THE good understanding between us and the Upper Iroquois at first seemed unaffected by what had occurred at Quebec in the Huron matter; but to render it durable, would have required that their deputies should conceive an exalted idea of our power, and unfortunately they came only to witness our weakness. It became even daily more manifest, by the kind of indifference with which we submitted to the inroads of the Mohawks. None reflected more bitterly on this than the missionaries, who, better informed of the character of the Indians, whose languages few but themselves understood, durst not flatter themselves that the establishment at Onondaga was at all a solid one. They did not fail to express their opinion to the proper parties; but it was still more their ministry to profit by the actual dispositions of that people in order to second the views of Providence for the salvation of

1657.

The missionaries at Onondaga.