

1681. } ance, which had drawn on us their contempt, caused the proceeding of the Sieur de Luth to be regarded as violent; as though the French, by long putting up with affronts, had lost the right of avenging themselves.

1682-3. At last an unforeseen accident revealed the whole evil disposition of the Iroquois in our regard. In the month of September, 1681, a Seneca chief was killed at Michillimakinac by an Illinois, with whom he had had some private quarrel.¹ In these collisions, the first resentment of the aggrieved party falls not on the murderer or his nation, but on the masters of the spot where the offence is given. Thus it fell to the Kiskacons, an Ottawa tribe among whom the Seneca had been killed, to offer satisfaction to the Iroquois, and on the first tidings which Count de Frontenac received of what had occurred, he dispatched a confidential agent to the cantons, to exhort them to suspend all hostilities till he had time to have justice done by the Kiskacons.²

Insolent propositions of those savages to Mr. de Frontenac.

He at the same time invited them to send deputies to him at Catarocouy, whither he was proceeding in person, with whom he might treat of this affair, and all other subjects of complaint that might exist on either side. A few days after he received a letter from Onondaga, informing him that those Indians required him to advance to the mouth of the Oswego River (Chouguen),³ and this arrogant pretension, it was added, was undoubtedly inspired by Colonel Dongan, under the impression that the

¹ The Seneca chief, Annanac, was a prisoner in the hands of some Green Bay Indians, and the quarrel arose from the taunts of the Hurons as to an Illinois girl held as a slave by the Seneca. An Illinois at last killed him with Tonty's knife, in presence of that officer: N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., pp. 164, 176; Canada Doc., I, iv., p. 69.

² N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 64. The envoy was the Sieur Lamarque: Ib.,

p. 169. The Kiskakons was one of the three Ottawa nations who fled to the Mississippi with the Hurons. The others were the Sinagaux and Keinouches.

³ This is the proper name of the river of Onondaga which empties into Lake Ontario. *Charlevoix*. The letter was from Father John de Lamberville: N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., pp. 170, 190.