

they must both act in concert on this occasion, although they had information of the appointment of their successors, inasmuch as these gentlemen would perhaps not arrive in time to makè head against an enemy who was always ready to commence hostilities.¹

1682-3.

A short time after the general, while visiting the côtes of Montreal, met the Sieur de la Forêt, Major of Catarocouy, who was bringing to him five Iroquois. They were deputies of the five cantons, who had orders to assure their father Ononthio that they were disposed to live well with him and with his allies. The head of this deputation was an Onondaga chief named Teganissorens, who was strongly attached to the French nation, and had made great exertions to calm the minds of his countrymen, and had, he supposed, succeeded.

Iroquois
deputies at
Montreal.

Mr. de Frontenac gave him audience on the 11th of September, and on the next day replied that it would never be his fault that a good understanding was not restored between the two nations ; but as the Illinois were excepted from the peace which the cantons wished to maintain with our allies, and as Teganissorens had declared that they were preparing to make war on them vigorously, the general made that deputy fine presents to induce him to divert the blow. He promised to do so ; but we shall soon see that he knew not the secret policy of his nation, which had used him to cloak its real designs.²

He had scarcely left Montreal, when other deputies arrived representing the Kiskacons, the Hurons of Michillimakinac, and the Miamis. Count de Frontenac omitted nothing to induce the former to make satisfaction to the Senecas for the murder of which I have spoken. They replied that they had empowered the Hurons to present belts to them on their behalf ; that they were not obliged to do more, not being guilty of the assassination ; but that

Deputies
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other
nations.¹ N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 175.

N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., pp. 183-189 ;

² See proceedings of conference, Canada Doc., I., ii., pp. 206-213.