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accepted.

He made no allusion to the fort at Niagara as having made the use of and for which they had asked its establishment; he was very glad to make a merit of yielding to the request of the deputies that he should demolish it.¹ His conditions were accepted, and the exchange of prisoners was regulated without any difficulty. Mr. de Dénonville had even already written to the court to solicit the recall of the Iroquois detained at Marseilles, and he had requested the minister to send Serigny,² one of the sons of the Sieur le Moyne, then a cadet at Rochefort, to receive them. This young man spoke the language of these Indians quite well, he was esteemed by them, and the governor-general was satisfied that these prisoners would receive much better treatment at his hands than they had received from those who conveyed them to France.

The truce was consequently arranged on the spot. The Iroquois consented to leave five of their party as hostages, in order to assure the convoy preparing for Catarocony, and it was agreed that if any hostility was committed by our allies during the negotiation, it should make change in what had just been agreed upon. However, when the convoy started, conducted by the Chevaliers de Callieres and Vaudreuil, and escorted on land by domiciliated Indians, some Iroquois carried off one canoe. Mr. de Dénonville was the more surprised at this as, before the departure of the convoy, an envoy of Colonel Dongan had reached Montreal, with Mademoiselle d'Alonne and twelve other French prisoners, and had handed him a letter from the king. It was a duplicate of one already received by the general, and related to the treaty of neutrality renewed by the two sovereigns.³

The governor of New York at the same time informed

¹ Fort Niagara was abandoned, September 15, 1688. See statement of its condition: N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 386.

² He died not long since, captain

of a ship of the line. *Charlevoix*. Dénonville in N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 395.

³ N. Y. Colonial Documents, ix., p. 391.