

1688. corrected, and especially if due measures had been taken to prevent young men running the woods, they might at all times have had a very excellent militia, which would have held in respect to the Iroquois and the English. The misfortune of New France is, that all who have wielded authority there, have not shown the zeal displayed by this general for due order, and that he himself had not all the firmness necessary to punish rigorously what he detested sincerely, and to make his orders respected.

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He ardently desired to close the war; but he felt that it was neither just nor very safe even to conclude peace without the participation of our allies; and we have seen that he expressed himself distinctly to the deputies of the cantons; but either there was not time to inform the Indians of the general's intentions, or, as is more probable, these nations were persuaded, that the cantons were not treating in good faith hence almost all appeared greatly displeased at these negotiations. Some even evinced their contempt for us at a peace in which the Iroquois seemed to desire to impose conditions haughtily on us.