

1662. been a danger of his being disavowed by the very men who had deputed to the governor-general.¹

Father le Moyne returns to Montreal with all the French prisoners. Conduct of Garakonthié.

In this crisis, he acted with a prudence and adroitness that would have done honor to a man trained in the management of the most refined policy; and he succeeded in completing his work. The treaty was ratified by the three cantons, and all the French prisoners were given up to Father le Moyne, who brought them all to Montreal,² except one, who died a martyr to conjugal chastity.³ They had endeavored to force him to marry in the cabin where he was a slave: he refused, on the ground that he had a wife, and that his religion did not permit him to have two. This reply did not alter his master's determination, and that Indian, after frequently threatening to kill him, if he did not comply with his wish, fulfilled his threat by tomahawking him.

Mr. Boucher goes to court to represent the necessities of New France.

The return of the others fully convinced Baron d'Avau-gour that Garakonthié had negotiated in good faith; but the information that he received from all quarters as to what was going on in the cantons, gave him the deepest concern. By the last vessels that sailed from Quebec, this general, and all the persons in office in the country, had written strongly to the court, to implore the king to take under his protection a colony which was utterly abandoned and reduced to the last extremity. They had committed their memorials to the Sieur Boucher, who commanded at Three Rivers; and much was hoped from the zeal of that officer, who was better acquainted with Canada than any other, and whose virtues fitted him in the highest degree to obtain a favorable hearing from the prince.⁴

¹ Relation de la Nouvelle France, in 1661: Relation de la Nouvelle France, 1662, p. 11.

² He arrived 31st Aug., 1662 (Rel., 1662, p. 12), and at Quebec Sept. 15: Journal of Father Lalemant.

⁴ Boucher, Histoire Veritable de la Nouvelle France, 12mo, 1664; M. Marie de l'Incarnation, Lettre 64, p.

³ Laliberté, taken at Three Rivers 574.