

chase, and Mr. de Courcelles resolved to lead the first, as being the more considerable. The second marched under Mr. de Sorel.<sup>1</sup>

1666.

The canton of Oneida, alarmed at these preparations, dispatched deputies to Quebec to avert the menacing storm. From some memoirs, it would seem that these deputies had full power to act in the name of the Mohawks;<sup>2</sup> but the latter still had war-parties in the field, and one of these surprised and killed three officers, Messieurs de Chasy, Chamat, and Marin; the first, a nephew of de Tracy. It was not, however, this untoward accident, but the brutality of a Mohawk chief, that absolutely broke off the negotiation commenced by the Oneida deputies.<sup>3</sup>

The  
Oneidas  
submit.

Mr. de Sorel, when on the point of falling upon a Mohawk town, met a troop of warriors headed by the Flemish Bastard. He was about to attack them, when the Mohawk chief, seeing himself greatly inferior to the French, and with no means of escape, adopted the plan of advancing to Sorel and telling him, with a very confident air, that he was going to Quebec to treat of peace with Mr. de Tracy. Sorel believed him, and himself took him to the viceroy, who received him well.<sup>4</sup> Another Mohawk chief arrived

Brutality of  
a Mohawk  
chief  
punished  
on the spot.

<sup>1</sup> January 9, 1666: Relation de la Nouvelle France, 1666, p. 6; Le Mercier, Journal.

<sup>2</sup> This was much later. The Oneida ambassadors arrived July 6, with letters from the Dutch: Le Mercier, Journal; Rel., 1666, p. 7. They had audience on the 8th. Some were detained as hostages. Father Beschefer was sent as ambassador to Orange, accompanied by Mr. de la Tesserie as interpreter and Boquet as assistant: Le Mercier, Journal, July 8. This embassy was arrested by the murder of the officers: *Ib.*, July 20.

<sup>3</sup> There is some confusion as to these officers. Le Mercier, Journal, July 20, says M. de Chasy and two

others killed, and four taken, including Mr. de Leroles, de Tracy's cousin. The Relation, p. 7, makes those killed the Sieurs de Traversay and de Chusy. Talon's Memoir, N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 53, says deaths of Chazy and Travery, and of Chamot and Morin. De la Potherie, Hist. de l'Amérique Septentrionale, ii., p. 85, says de Chasi, de Lerole, and de Montagny; Perrot, p. 111., de Chasy killed, and de Noirolle taken. Faillon, Histoire de la Colonie Française, iii., p. 135, says Mr. de Roles. See N. Y. Col. Doc., iii., p. 134.

<sup>4</sup> Relation de la Nouvelle France, 1666, p. 7; Talon in N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 53; Le Mercier, Journal, Aug. 28, 1666.