

1690. earnestly asked to be dismissed; he told them that they should be satisfied with the prices at which they had been supplied with goods; that he would have done more in their favor had he been notified sooner of their coming; that, on the whole, if heretofore they had complained of the high price of our goods, the French could justly reproach them in turn; that he approved every thing said in his name by his envoy Perrot; that they should be convinced that their interest required them to make war upon the Iroquois; that, for his part, he would not lay down the hatchet till that nation was humbled; that he exhorted them to harass it, unceasingly, till they were in a position to go and attack them in their own country; that they knew what he had already done against the English; that he was resolved not to give them a moment's respite; that he had thought it right to begin with them, because they were the prime movers of the troubles; that, by his orders, they had spared the Mohawks at Schenectady in the hope that they would yield to the exhortations of Oureouharé; but that, inasmuch as they continued to abuse his lenity, he was going to push them to the wall. He supported his words by very fine presents and that engaging manner which he could assume so well when he wished to gain any one, and the Indians set out very well-satisfied with him and with all the French.

New checks from the Iroquois. A few days after their departure, the Iroquois appeared in several places, and again surprised Frenchmen who imagined them far enough away. The *Sieur des Marais*, a seconded captain, who commanded *Fort Chateaugu *, above *Sault St. Louis*, having gone out into the fields with his valet and a soldier, fell into an ambuscade laid for him by three of those Indians, who each picked his man, and killed all three.¹ On the 22d of September the *Chevalier de la Motte* and the *Sieur Murat*, lieutenant, were at-

¹ De Monseignat, *Relation de ce Potherie, Histoire de l'Am ricque qui s'est pass , &c.*, 1689-90, N. Y. Sept., iii., pp. 102-110. They rep. Col. Doc., ix., pp. 481-2; De la resant only Desmarais as killed.