

tacked by a more numerous party than that under their command; they repulsed it, nevertheless; but the Indians having returned to the charge at a time when the French officers supposed them in full retreat, the Chevalier de la Motte was killed on the spot, and it was never after known what became of *Sieur Murat*.¹ 1690.

In his mortification at this unwelcome news, *Frontenac* called *Oureouharé*; and, after briefly explaining to him the course which he had pursued toward his nation—both during his former administration and since his return from France—said he thought he could have flattered himself, that at least gratitude for the benefits which he had personally bestowed on him, would have induced him to open the eyes of his countrymen; and that he must be either quite insensible to his kindness, if he had been wanting in this duty; or was but lightly esteemed by his nation, if he had been unable to make them adopt ideas more reasonable and more conformable to their real interests. *Frontenac's reproach to Oureouharé*

The *Iroquois* seemed mortified at these words, of which he felt all the force, but he contained himself nevertheless; and, without evincing the least annoyance, begged the General to remember that on his return from France he found the Cantons bound by an alliance with the English, which it was not easy to break, and so envenomed against the French, whose treachery had, so to say, driven them to contract that alliance, that it had been necessary to trust to time and circumstances for a more favorable disposition; that, for his own part, he could reproach himself with nothing; his refusal to return to his canton, where he was passionately desired, should have banished every suspicion of his fidelity; if, notwithstanding so unmistakable a token of his attachment to the French, they were so unjust as to entertain any suspicions, he would soon dispel them.² *The Indian's reply*

¹ In *Ferland, Cours d'Histoire*, ii., p. 213, he is styled *La Motte de Lussière, Seigneur de la Lussaudière*. The *Seigneurie* still bearing his name is in *Buckingham County*,

and was granted to him, July 26, 1683. *Bouchette, Topographical Description*, p. 324, xxix.

² *De la Potherie, Histoire de l'Amérique Septentrionale*, iii., p. 103, &c.