

1691.

Providence, which watches over the preservation of states, rarely permits them to accredit perfidy. After much solicitation, the Crisasys beheld themselves brought down to accept each a company in Canada, for fear of having nothing at all. There they served till their death, with a zeal from which they might have hoped for everything had they exerted it, the one for his native land, the other for his order; but of which the Court of France never manifested any great appreciation.

The Chevalier, after many gallant actions, in which men were at a loss whether to admire most his ability in war, his penetration in council, his judgment in the enterprises confided to him, or his intrepidity and presence of mind in action, at last sank under the mortification of beholding himself neglected, without hope of promotion; the Marquis, with less brilliant merit, but with the reputation of a wise and brave officer, supported his misfortunes with more patience and philosophy, and died Governor of Three Rivers.²

An Iroquois party escapes the French through the fault of Iroquois of Sault St. Louis.

Shortly before the action just mentioned, the same Bienville who there unfortunately lost his life in the flower of his age, had pursued a party of sixty Cayugas, among whom there were some Mohawks. He had with him two hundred picked men, French and domesticated Iroquois, and as he surprised the enemy, who were far inferior in numbers, he felt certain that not one could escape him; but the Mohawks having asked to parley with the Iroquois of Sault St. Louis, the latter insisted on hearing them, for fear, they said, of breaking off all chance of arrangement between them and that canton.³

The Mohawks vowed to them that they wished for nothing so much as peace, and offered to return with them,

¹ They were cousins to the Prince of Monaco, and Grimaldi and Lords of Messina. The Chevalier died March, 1696.

² He died on the summer of 1709.

³ Relation, &c., 1690-1. N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 517. De la Pothe-rie, Histoire de l'Amérique Septent., iii., p. 133. Belmont, Histoire du Canada, p. 33, gives June 17, as the day Bienville started.