

his safeguard, and that he saw eviüently that he was not mistaken ; and that if he was so fortunate as to reconcile his nation with the French, his intention was to come and spend the rest of his days with his brethren at Sault St. Louis.

1693.

The general's reply..

The general was too familiar with protestations of the kind, to be deceived ; and the testimony of a missionary who was not at liberty, did not seem to him a sufficient proof of the sincerity of this one. Yet, loth to dispel all Tareha's hope, he replied that although the horrible perfidy of the Onondagas in regard to the Chevalier d'Eau and the other Frenchmen, who had gone among them under the safeguard of the law of nations, and to restore them Iroquois, just returned from France ; and the unheard of cruelties, daily wreaked in all the cantons, on the French prisoners, justified his retaliating on him, still he would hearken to a last speck of affection for his children, who no longer deserved the name ; that Tareha had, therefore, nothing to fear either for his life, or, even for his liberty ; but that if all the cantons sincerely desired to enter into negotiations with him, they should hasten to send him deputies ; that he consented to wait in patience till the end of September ; but that term passed, he would hearken only to his just indignation. Tareha promised to return at that time, come what would, and very joyfully started for Oneida.<sup>1</sup>

A few days after the Count de Frontenac received a letter from Father Binneteau,<sup>2</sup> a missionary to the Abénaquis, announcing that the English fleet had sailed from Boston, and the next day, St. Michel, captured the year before on the way to Michillimackinac, arrived at Que-

<sup>1</sup> N. Y. C. D. p. 566. De la Pothe-  
rie, iii., 179-182. Milet to Dellius,  
July 31, 1693. N. Y. Col. Doc., iv, p.  
49. Report from Oneyda. Ib. p. 77.

<sup>2</sup> Julian Bineteau came from  
France in 1691, was in Maine, as  
here stated, in 1693 ; on the St.  
Lawrence in 1694. He succeeded  
Gravier in the Illinois mission, and  
died there Dec. 25, 1699. Father  
Martin, in Carayon's Doc. Inédits  
xiv., p. 117, Rel. de la Miss. du Mi-  
cissipi, pp. 19. 32, 51; Relation 1696,  
&c., p. 51.