

1693. the North and West, came in person. As soon as de Frontenac heard of it, he proceeded to Montreal, where he arrived escorted by these very chiefs, who had gone to Three Rivers to meet him. The next day, he held a great Council, at which all passed to the general satisfaction. The Huron orator spoke at length, making a long recital of all the expeditions sent out by his nation against the Iroquois. The others merely said that they had come to hear their Father's voice, to receive his orders, and beg him to give them the goods they needed at a moderate price.¹

De Frontenac prevents the Miamis from trading with the English.

No one came to represent the Miamis, and the Governor-General was even informed, that they had received presents from the English, through the Mohegans, (Mahingans,) and that they had permitted them to come and trade in St. Joseph's River. It was dangerous in its consequences to suffer this door to be opened to English trade. Accordingly, the Count de Frontenac adopted all the measures that his extended experience could suggest in order to baffle this negotiation.

Nor did he spare any effort to rivet this attachment of the various nations, whose deputies were at Montreal. This was his great talent. All the Indians set out, charmed with his manners, and loaded with presents. He had them closely followed by a considerable number of French under the Chevalier de Tonti, still commandant in the Illinois, and whom private affairs had compelled to come down to Quebec. De Courtemanche² and de Mantet also went, as did Nicholas Perrot, whom the General instructed to prevent the Miamis, either by persuasion or force, from trading with the English; d'Argenteuil, who was appointed de Louvigny's lieutenant, and Mr. le Sueur, who was sent to form an establishment at Chagouamigon, and renew the alliance with the Chippeways and Sioux.³

These arrangements made, Frontenac was preparing to

¹ Relation, 1692-3. N. Y. Col. Doc. ix. p. 566-569. De la Potherie, i., p. 162. iii., p. 179-186.

² Ante, p. 192. Daniel, Nos Gloires,

³ N. Y. Col. Doc. ix. p. 569.