

ed by the same motive as that princess ; and the French general was so flattered, that he seemed to regard this woman as something more than an Indian squaw. She had indeed rendered great services to the French prisoners in her canton, and it was to her that Father Milet owed his life. Thus the Count de Frontenac had more than one reason for giving her a cordial welcome.² She merited even something more, and God gave her charity, the same reward that Cornelius the centurion obtained of old. Like him, he enlightened her with the light of the Gospel. She was baptized under the name of Susanna,³ and I saw her in 1708, at Sault St. Louis, where she died in a happy old age, after long edifying that town by the constant practice of all Christian virtues.

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It was doubtless on her account, also, that the Count de Frontenac received Tareha quite well, although he was extremely shocked at the propositions submitted by that Indian. After rather lame excuses for his canton's not sending deputies to the general, to treat of peace, throwing the blame on the English, who had, he said, prevented the Oneidas from following the wishes of their hearts, he had the hardihood to ask the Count de Frontenac to send an ambassador of his own to Albany, (Orange,) where these same English absolutely insisted on this great affair being negotiated.

Tareha's
proposition

The indignation excited in the Governor's heart at such conduct may be conceived ; he beheld himself mocked by a nation, by whom he always flattered himself he was esteemed and feared. Yet he did not display it completely ; he even seemed convinced that Tareha privately thought much better than he spoke in the name of those who delegated him ; he gave him presents, and dismissed him, saying that he would take in good part, the excuses of the Oneidas ; but that he would not delay in making the can-

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nac's reply.

¹ De la Potherie, iii., p. 19.

² Milet's narrative does not indicate precisely this woman. Those who protected him, he speaks of, as

already Christians, and among them he names especially, Susanna Gouentagrandi, an Agoyander in the tribe, Relation, pp. 30, 31.