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d'Iberville. There was not a moment to lose, unless they wished the project to fail for the third time, and for this purpose it was necessary to take a part of the men who were to accompany the Chevalier de Crisasy. Frontenac gave Serigny one hundred and twenty Canadians, and some Indians from Sault St. Louis; the rest were dismissed till further orders.¹

New nego-
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with the
Iroquois.

Soon after, two Frenchmen who had escaped from Onondaga, where they were prisoners, assured de Frontenac, that he must no longer count on making peace with the Iroquois nation; the General believed them ill informed, and the chiefs of the western and northern tribes having arrived towards the close of August, with a great convoy of furs, brought by de Louvigny,² he carefully withheld from them the information which he had just received.

At the end of a fortnight, Oureouharé, who had accompanied Teganissorens on his return, came back with thirteen French prisoners, whom he had delivered, among them the two Hertels, taken two years before at de la Gemeraye's defeat, and who were supposed to be dead; but he brought no deputies, except those of his own canton, Cayuga, and of the Seneca.³ Only Count de Frontenac's regard for their conductor, made him give them a favorable hearing, and he wished the chiefs of our allies to be present at the audience.

Oureouharé, who spoke, began by presenting a belt, the meaning of which was, that he had burst the bonds of thir-

¹ De la Potherie, iii., p. 227. Examination of M. Pawling and N. Smith. See N. Y. Col. Doc., iv., p. 116.

² De la Porte de Louvigny came from Paris in 1687, and became lieutenant and captain. In 1690, sent to the west with a convoy, and feated the Iroquois. Ante, p. 137. In 1693, he was made midshipman and ensign in the navy, according to Daniel, i., p. 307. He returned from the west, as here stated, in 1694.

Major of Three Rivers in 1700; of Quebec in 1703. Knight of St. Louis in 1708; King's lieutenant at Quebec, in 1716. Commandant in the Upper Country, 1716-1720. Conducts expedition against the Foxes, 1716. Governor of Three Rivers, 1724; lost on Chameau, Aug. 27, 1725. Daniel, i., p. 306. N. Y. Col. Doc. ix., p. 938.

³ De la Potherie, iii., p. 227. N. Y. Col. Doc., iv., p. 115-116, mentions eight as exchanged.