

teen Frenchmen ; he then presented others, to show that the cantons, whose deputies appeared, perceiving that Teganissorens' negotiation was too long protracted, and knowing that it was traversed by the English, had taken the initiative, and directed their envoys to beg their Father not to lose patience, but to assure him that they wished at any price to regain his favor, and they conjured him to hold back his hatchet yet a little longer.

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The General asked them whether they did not intend to include all the nations in the treaty proposed, and this question embarrassed them. They conferred for some time together, and then replied in a very ambiguous manner. Father Bruyas, Superior of the Missions, who acted as interpreter, begged them to be more explicit, but their trouble increased. Then the Count de Frontenac told them that he accepted the first belts, and that he with pleasure beheld his children whom he had mourned as dead ; that he thanked the deputies of the two cantons for their eager protestation of fidelity to him ; but he did not receive the other belts, by which they proposed to stay his arm, and that he was about to strike at once, unless they promptly gave him a precise reply to all that he had declared to Teganissorens.

Frontenac's final answer.

He then treated them magnificently, and during the banquet, resuming that nobly affable manner that always became him, he sought to convince the Senecas and Cayugas that he desired peace less for his own sake than for theirs, and as a father, who reluctantly punishes his children. Some time after, he gathered all the Indians, and evinced much displeasure at Teganissorens' failure to return at the appointed time, and still more at their consulting the English, who, looking only to their own interest, could not but dissuade from peace. He added that he should not long be the dupe of the irresolution and inconsistency of the cantons ; that he and his allies were about to resume the war in earnest, and carry it on more vigorously than ever.

He dismisses the deputies satisfactorily.

The deputies, who had not expected this threat, wished