

After this signal blow there was no fear of any arrangement, at least for the moment, between the Ottawas and the Iroquois or the English, who were the losers by the capture of the booty, they having advanced goods to the Iroquois, who were to give them the proceeds of their hunt. Some time after, d'Argenteuil arrived at Michillimackinac from Montreal, with tidings of Frontenac's great preparations to go and attack the Iroquois in their own country. De la Motte Cadillac invited the Indians to join their Father; but he informed them that he made this invitation on his own responsibility, having received no orders from his general. Onaské first declared that he would go and fight under Ononthio's banner, and for some time the commandant flattered himself that a body of four hundred warriors would go to swell the French army; but various incidents broke up all his measures; and there was every reason to believe that the Hurons had diverted this blow, out of revenge for the injury done them at the defeat of the Iroquois.¹

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Consequences of this defeat.

¹ Relation, 1695-6, N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 648.