

1689. on the fact that during his first stay in that country the Iroquois nation had manifested great esteem and attachment to his person, and he did not doubt but that, on showing himself to them, with a great number of their chiefs whose fetters he had broken, they would at once resume their previous sentiments toward him.

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He was at least well assured of having gained over to his interest a brave Cayuga chief named Oureouharé, the most influential of all those whom he had brought back from France, and to whom he had shown great friendship on the voyage. He took this chief with him to Montreal,¹ and, finding there an Iroquois ambassador named Gagniegaton,² who had come to make very insolent propositions to Dénonville, Oureouharé advised Frontenac to send back with him four of his comrades in captivity, to notify the cantons of the return of all their chiefs.³

The Count followed this advice; Oureouharé recommended these deputies to omit nothing to induce the cantons to send an embassy to their old Father, showing them that they could not dispense with congratulating him on his happy return and thanking him for the goodness he had shown their brethren. He also directed them to assure the Nation that they would find in the General now what they had found in him in the past, great esteem and affection. He also charged them in particular to declare to his canton, that he would not return among them until they came to ask him from Ononthio, from whom he was resolved not to depart without his permission.

1690. The deputies set out with Gagniegaton, and fulfilled their commission perfectly. On their arrival, the cantons assembled, and sent their reply by the same ambassador, who arrived at Montreal on the 9th of March, 1690.⁴ He

¹ N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 464.

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² Gagniegaton had been one of the deputies at Montreal, June 2, 1688.

⁴ Narrative of Occurrences, N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., pp. 464-5; De la Potherie, Histoire de l'Amérique Sept., iii., p. 63.

³ Narrative of the Most Remarkable Occurrences, N. Y. Col. Doc., ix.,