

found there neither the Count de Frontenac nor Oureouharé, who had returned to Quebec, and several days passed without the Chevalier de Callieres being able to elicit any thing from him or his companions. They were at last, however, won over by the courteous manner of that governor, and presented to him six belts. The first showed the cause of their delay, produced, they said, by the arrival of the Ottawas in the Seneca canton. It was the commencement of a negotiation set on foot between our western allies and the Iroquois, on an occasion to be presently explained. It was agreed to meet in the month of June, at a place determined; and Gagniegaton, explaining this belt, added that things should be done in this way, when they wished to treat of peace, without resorting to strangers. He meant to intimate that the Governor General should have proceeded in person to Onondaga, or to some other place agreed upon, there to speak of arrangements, as he had long previously been requested to do.

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The second belt expressed the joy felt by the Flemings, that is to say, the Dutch, settled at Orange, and the Iroquois, on the return of Oureouharé, whom he styled Head Chief of the Iroquois nation. This showed the concert and harmony existing between the cantons and New York.

By the third the Onondaga canton, in the name of all the others, demanded the prompt restoration of all the Iroquois who had returned from France, in order to concert with them measures suited to the situation of affairs. The ambassador added that they had collected at Onondaga all the French prisoners, who had been scattered in the other cantons, and that they should be disposed of only on the report and by the advice of Oureouharé.

The fourth and fifth spoke of the ravages committed in the Seneca canton by de Dénonville, of the treachery at Catarocouy, the abandonment of that post, and said that when all the evil had been made good, and the roads free and secure, Teganissorens would go to treat with Ononchio of peace.