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By the sixth, Gagniegaton gave notice that, from the month of October previous, an Iroquois party had been in the field, but that it was to begin operations only at the thawing of the snow, and that if they made any prisoners care should be taken to treat them well. "Do the same with us," he continued, "if you take any of ours. I had eight prisoners in the defeat at La Chine;¹ four I ate, the rest I spared. You have been more cruel than I, for you shot twelve Senecas; you should have spared at least one or two. It was in retaliation for that execution that I ate four of yours."²

Mr. de Frontenac refuses to give audience to their deputies.

Mr. de Callieres asked him whether Father Milet was still alive. He replied that he was in perfect health, and had started a week before to return to the colony: a statement found to be untrue.³ The Governor asked him further why the Mohawks had come to commit hostilities against us. The reply was that the Mohegans, having raised a war party of ninety-six men, had induced some Mohawks and Oneidas to join them; that messengers were sent to recal the Mohawks, but that apparently this step was taken too late.⁴

Mr. de Callieres, unable to extract any thing more from these deputies, sent them to the Governor General; but the Count de Frontenac refused to give them audience, on the ground that they had at their head a man whose insolence had offended him. He nevertheless received his companions well, but treated with them only through the

¹ At La Chenaye, according to De la Potherie, iii., p. 66. N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 466.

² See these belts explained at length, De la Potherie, *Histoire de l'Amérique Sept.*, iii., pp. 63-6; N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., pp. 465-6.

³ Milet was taken by a detachment of 300, whose object was the capture of Frontenac. This party then went two leagues down, to wait for the

1400 proceeding to Montreal; after uniting, they went on to Otonniata. Here two chiefs and 30 men were detached with Milet to Oneida, which he reached on St. Lawrence's day, and the main body proceeded to La Chine. Milet, *Relation de sa Captivité*, pp. 1-24.

⁴ *Narrative of Occurrences*, N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 466; De la Potherie, *Histoire de l'Amérique Sept.*, iii., 67.