

instrumentality of Oureouharé, who even seemed to be acting always in his own name. As soon as the rivers were navigable, the General told them that they might return, and Oureouharé handed them eight belts, which he explained to them in a way to give them to understand that the Count de Frontenac took no part in the act.¹ 1690.

They expressed in substance that he begged the cantons to wipe away their tears and forget the past; that he learned with pleasure of the promise made by the Ottawas to restore to the Senecas all the prisoners whom they had taken from them; that he was still more charmed at the resolution adopted by his brethren to save the lives of the French who might fall into their hands, and that Ononthio had promised him to do the same on his side until he received the reply of the five cantons to the propositions which he had made them; that so far as he himself personally was concerned, he thanked them for the desire they had at first expressed to see him once more, but that they seemed to have soon lost this zeal and affection, inasmuch as they had not yet sent a chief for him as he had requested them; that he conjured them to do him this honor as soon as possible, and he was induced to make this request by his desire to have them witness the good will of their Father Ononthio for the whole nation, as well as the good treatment which he and his nephews received daily. Finally, that it was by his request that their Father sent with the deputies one of his highest officers, to exhort them not to listen to the Dutch, who had turned their heads; not to interfere in any matters between him and those of Orange (Albany) and Manhatte (New York), and not to take any umbrage at any thing that he might do to chastise their neighbors for throwing off the yoke of their lawful king, whose interests the king of France had espoused; that he wished them to know that he, Oureouharé, regarded all the French as his

Oureouharé's reply.

¹ De la Potherie, Histoire de l'Amérique Sept., iii., p. 70. He explains Auriouaé's belts (pp. 70-73). N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 469.