

1690. brethren; that he no longer wished to part with his father Ononchio; that he would not return to his canton, though fully at liberty to do so, unless they came for him in the manner he had stated; that they might go in all security to Montreal, and that he felt perfectly sure that the French would not disavow his pledge that their confidence should not be abused.¹

What induced the Count de Frontenac to assume so lofty a tone.

The officer who accompanied the Iroquois deputies was the Chevalier d'Eau, a reduced captain.² The Count de Frontenac had deemed it expedient to send him to Onondaga, to show special confidence in that canton, which he always conciliated more than the rest, as well as to be better informed of what was going on. He knew, moreover, that he could rely on Garakonhié³ and Teganissorens, avowed friends of the French: but the capture of Corlar (Schenectady), the tidings of which had just reached him, and the return of those who had made that conquest, of which we shall speak in due season, especially induced him to assume so lofty a tone with the Iroquois, and he certainly acted on this occasion with these Indians with a dexterity and dignity which made them descend considerably from their haughty position.

He was, nevertheless, much troubled by the negotiations of the Ottawas with the Iroquois, of which Gagniegaton had spoken to the Chevalier de Callieres. Its object was

¹ De la Potherie, *Histoire de l'Amérique Sept.*, iii., pp. 70-74. N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 469.

² De Monseignat, *Relation de ce qui s'est passé*. N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 469. La Hontan (*Voyages*, i., p. 205) pretends that Mr. de Frontenac wished him to go, but that, on his showing its impossibility of effecting any good and asking him to select another, Frontenac appointed the Chevalier Do, who was accompanied by Colin, an interpreter, and two young Canadians. As usual, how-

ever, there is no mention elsewhere of La Hontan. The envoy, whose name Charlevoix gives d'Eau, and La Hontan Do, wrote his name d'Aux. Ferland, *Cours d'Histoire*, ii., p. 198. For his instructions and the message of Oureouaé, see N. Y. Col. Doc., iii., p. 733.

³ Brother of Daniel Garakonhié (Milet, *Relation*, p. 39), and apparently the one whom Hennepin professes to have known. *Voyages au Nord*, v., p. 342; *Mœurs des Sauvages*, p. 56.