

1700. them there was no one from the Cayuga and Oneida cantons, it was because the Chevalier Bellomont having sent Peter Schuiller to dissuade them from going down to Montreal, the deputies of those two cantons had gone to learn the reason of his opposition to their voyage.¹

Their prop-
ositions.

They then complained, that having gone hunting without any distrust, on the assurance, that the war between the French and England had been terminated by a treaty which included the allies of the two nations, the Ottawas on one side, the Illinois and Miamis on the other, had attacked them and killed a hundred and fifty men.² They at last requested that Father Bruyas, with Messrs. de Maricourt and Joncaire, should accompany them on their return home, nothing, they said, being better calculated to convince the cantons that their Father sincerely desired peace, than such a condescension towards them. They added that these three ambassadors should not leave their country without receiving all the French prisoners still detained there.³

The
Governor
General's
reply.

The Chevalier de Callieres replied: First, that he had nothing to add to what the Chevalier Bellomont had told them in regard to the treaty of peace concluded between the two crowns of France and England, and that he was surprised, that the deputies from Oneida and Cayuga had gone to that Governor, instead of coming with their brethren to fulfill their engagements to him and to the late Count de Frontenac. Second, that he had taken steps with his allies to prevent their committing any hostilities during the peace negotiations; but that the feigned delays of the cantons, and the irruption of some Iroquois on the Miamis, had drawn upon them the misfortunes of which they complained; that he regretted it, notwithstanding, and to prevent like accidents had summoned deputies from all the nations; that they too, if their wish for peace was sincere, would not fail to send him within thirty days

¹ De la Potherie., iv., p. 140-1.

³ Ib. pp. 708-711. De la Potherie,

² Fifty-five. N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., iv., p. 137-140.