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This Teganissorens promised, and he begged de Callieres to send some Frenchmen to Onondaga to assist their deputies in restoring the prisoners still in the country. De Callieres condescended to this for his sake, and on his return he was accompanied by the same ambassadors who had opened this negotiation the preceding year. They set out on the 16th of June,<sup>1</sup> and were somewhat surprised to find Englishmen among those who came out to meet them. In fact one Abraham had gone in behalf of the Governor of Orange, (Albany,) to Onondaga to divert the sachems from sending their deputies to Montreal, and to induce them to come to him.<sup>2</sup>

No answer had yet been given him, and this envoy, seeing the young braves of the canton preparing to go to meet the French, thought it best to send some of his people, under pretext of courtesy to the ambassadors, as well as to furnish them horses. In this first interview nothing was said; nothing passed except compliments; but the ambassadors had scarcely entered the town, where they were received in the same manner as the year previous, when the council assembled and they were introduced alone.<sup>3</sup>

Father Bruyas began by declaring that Ononthio would no longer suffer postponements, and that he was anxious to know what to depend on with the cantons; that deputies of all the nations would meet at Montreal without fail at the appointed day, to conclude the important business commenced the previous autumn, and that if the Iroquois were not there, they would no longer be listened to; that

<sup>1</sup> De la Potherie, iv., p. 186, says that Father Bruyas, Maricour, Joncaire and la Chauvignerie, set out June 19, 1701, with 20 Frenchmen, Massias and Grande Gueule's son.

<sup>2</sup> Bellomont having died, Lt. Gov. Nanfan, June 2d, sent to Onondaga Capt. Johannes Bleecker, Jr. and David Schuyler, with Lawrence Claese as interpreter. See their Journal, N. Y. Col. Doc., iv., pp. 889-895. Charlevoix here follows de la Poth-

erie, iv., p. 187, who supposes four deputies, one Abraham being the leader; in the Index, Charlevoix has Abraham Schuyler; see ante, p. 80. They say that they did not accompany the Onondagas who went forward to Kaneeda, eight miles from Onondaga, to meet the French deputies.

<sup>3</sup> The English account says "they came in June 22 in great triumph with the French flag."