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killed, a vigorous action, which, more than any other, drove the cantons to seek peace with the French and their allies. This brave advanced towards de Callieres with a noble and unembarrassed air, and said: "Father, I am not a man of council; but I always hear your voice; you have made peace, and I forget the past."

Onanguicé,¹ the Pottowatamie chief, wore the skin of the head of a young bull, the horns hanging over his ears. He was regarded as a man of much sense and mildness, and strongly attached to the French. Indeed he spoke very well and courteously.

The Fox² had his face painted red, and wore on his head an old rusty wig, profusely powdered and ill combed, which gave him an air at once frightful and ridiculous. As he had neither hat nor cap, and wished to salute the Governor-General in French style, he took off his wig. A great outburst of laughter followed, which did not disconcert him, for he doubtless took it as applause. He said that he had brought no prisoners, because those whom he had taken, had all escaped. "Moreover," he added, "I have never had any great quarrel with the Iroquois, though I am much involved with the Sioux."

The chief of the Sault Indians³ had a plume like a kind of band around his head in the shape of a halo; he said that he had already set his prisoners at liberty, and he begged his Father to grant him his friendship. The domiciliated Iroquois and the Abénaquis⁴ spoke last, evincing great zeal for the increase of the French colony. They more easily carried persuasion, as during the whole war they had proved by their actions, what they then attested in words.

The other deputies having ended their compliments, all eyes turned to the orator of the Cantons, who had not yet

¹ He spoke for the Missisagues and also for the Pottowatamies. De la Potherie. He was apparently a Sac.

² Miskouasouath. De la Potherie, p. 246.

³ Ouabangué.

⁴ The Eagle spoke for the Caughnawagas, Tsahouanhos for the Indians of the Mountain, Haouatchouath for the Abénaquis of St. Francis.