

He then distributed to them the King's presents. The Ottawas asked for Father Anjelran and Nicholas Perrot, and he told them that he would willingly accede to it; that the missionary was disposed to follow them; but on condition that they should correspond with greater docility to his instructions. Their deputy also conjured him not to permit brandy to be carried anywhere, because that liquor troubled the mind, and could only lead the young men to excesses, which would infallibly entail deplorable results; all present applauded this request, except a Huron chief, who was a great drunkard, and had already taken steps to carry home a supply of liquor.

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The next day the Governor-General gave audience to the deputies of the cantons. After impressing on them that they would be inexcusable and deserving of all his anger, if they refused to set their prisoners free, he ordered them to deliver these captives to Joncaire, who was to set out with them, pledging his word, that if some of these prisoners then wished to return to their country, they should be free to do so, as had just happened with the prisoners whom the Hurons had brought to him.

And to the Iroquois.

He also recommended them to remain neutral between the French and English, should war be renewed between those two nations, as would apparently soon be the case. He showed them that it was utterly contrary to their interests to allow the English to build forts in their towns and on their rivers, and he assured them that he would never permit it. He was very anxious that they should ask him for Jesuit missionaries, convinced that their presence was the most effectual means of retaining them in a strict neutrality; but he deemed it inexpedient to allude to it, the Court having given him no instructions on the

sa,) the Kaskaskia chief for removing his village to the Mississippi. De la Potherie, iv., p. 255. This change was made on hearing that the French had settled at the mouth of the Mississippi. Father Gravier

apparently induced them to halt at the present Kaskaskia till he went down and ascertained the real state of affairs. Gravier, Journal, p. 6: Early Voyages up and down the Mississippi, p. 116.