

The next year the Cantons sent a solemn deputation to de Callieres, to thank him for having given them peace, and he also received a deputation from the upper tribes for the same purpose. But what gave the greatest hopes of the durability of this peace, was the request of the Iroquois deputies for Jesuits. They at the same time informed him of the death of Garakonthié,¹ who never ceased till his last sigh to serve the French usefully in his nation, and they presented to him the nephew who offered to be the Governor's agent in place of his uncle, and was accepted.

The Governor-General was too anxious to see the Iroquois of themselves solicit the return of the missionaries to the Cantons, not to take them at their word. He had some all ready, and sent them everywhere.² He appointed Mr. de Maricourt to escort them, and they were very well received. It was not that the nation was better disposed than before to embrace Christianity;³ but it was not useless to religion and it was important to the colony to have among these savages, persons invested with a character capable of impressing them, whose presence assured them of a desire to live in peace with them; who could enlighten their conduct, notify the Governor-General of all their proceedings, gain them by affability, or at least make friends among them—above all, discover and disconcert the intrigues of the English, who are no longer to be dreaded

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stroyed by fire, with nearly all its contents. The venerable Bishop Laval was rescued with difficulty. Juchereau, *Histoire de l'Hotel Dieu*, p. 397.

The Sloop *Mary*, sent by Samuel Vetch, was at Quebec, Oct. 6-23, landed a cargo from New York and took in a return cargo. She was wrecked on Montauk Point. See *Voyage of the Sloop Mary*, O'Callaghan's *Colonial Tracts*, I.

¹ He was a brother of the great Daniel Garakonthié who died in 1676. *Ante*, iii., p. 196, n.

² He sent Father de Lamberville

with a lay brother to Onondaga: Fathers Garnier and Vaillant to Seneca. De Callieres to Count Jerome de Pontchartrain, Nov. 4, 1702. *N. Y. Col. Doc.*, ix., p. 737. F. Chaigneau to F. de Lamberville, Oct. 11, 1702, announces their arrival at Onondaga. *Rel. des Affaires du Canada*, p. 35.

³ One sachem distinctly expressed their intention to adopt the religion of the party who showed the greatest liberality in trade, *N. Y. Col. Doc.*, iv.