

would have been reduced to ashes, had not prompt steps been taken. They accordingly no longer knew on whom to depend, and our old allies seemed to be on the point of becoming our most cruel enemies. In this embarrassment, which was complicated moreover by new Miami hostilities<sup>1</sup> against the Iroquois, men understood better than they had hitherto done, why the Chevalier de Callieres had been so eager to have in the cantons men able to win their esteem and recall them to their true interest.

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In fact the Iroquois, at the time when there was every-thing to be feared from their resentment and English persuasion, verified Teganissorens' words to Mr. de Vaudreuil, that when they had once laid down arms, they would require strong motives to take them up. On the tidings of the treachery of the Ottawas near Catarocouy, the assembly convoked by the Governor of Albany was put off, and the Senecas, who were alone aggrieved, sent back Father le Vaillant and Joncaire to Mr. de Vaudreuil to make their complaints to him on this violation of the treaty of peace.<sup>2</sup>

Conduct of  
the  
Iroquois  
on that  
occasion.

This step reassured the Governor-General. He promised the Senecas complete satisfaction, and we shall soon see that he kept his word. The hostility in question resulted from the dissatisfaction of the Ottawas at the establishment of Detroit, and the French began to perceive objections to this project, which de Callieres had overlooked. Many in Canada disapproved it, among the number Mr. de Vaudreuil.<sup>3</sup> This was enough to lead them not to support it, and to ascribe to it all the disorders and accidents which might happen in those remote territories. In this the General did not reflect that a thing

Vincelot and the Jesuits, while, as he modestly expresses it, "God had raised him up as another Moses" to gather the Indians at Detroit. *Ib.* p. 118.

<sup>1</sup> Should be Ottawas apparently, referring to the attack on the Iro-

quois near Fort Catarocouy. Sheldon's Michigan, p. 198.

<sup>2</sup> Vaudreuil and Beauharnais to Pontchartrain, Nov. 17, 1704. N. Y. Col. Doc., ix, p. 761.

<sup>3</sup> Cadillac in his diatribes accuses Vaudreuil of interested motives.