

BOOK XIX.

MONSIEUR DE VAUDREUIL still continued to leave New York undisturbed so as to conciliate the Iroquois, and because it was not prudent to bring the military operations near those Indians. Their dispute with the Ottawas was not yet settled, for though their prisoners taken at Cataracouy had been restored, they insisted upon a reparation for those killed. This was not easy to obtain, and it was feared that they might at any moment take up arms, and to this the Governor of Albany incessantly urged them.

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The Ottawas on their side would no longer hear of peace with them; all the young men clamored for war, and were in a position to carry the decision in the councils. Fear of seeing a conflagration re-kindled, that had cost so much to extinguish, induced the General to dispatch Mr. de Louvigny to Michilimackinac, and that officer at last succeeded, though with great difficulty, in bringing the Ottawas to reason. He had some Iroquois prisoners, whom he still found at that post, delivered to him, and himself took them to Montreal.¹ On presenting them to de Vaudreuil, he told him that the head chiefs of the Ottawas were close behind him; this induced that General to summon the Iroquois chiefs to meet them and receive their prisoners.

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They reached Montreal early in August, and remained there till the 14th, but the Ottawas did not appear, and

¹ La Motte Cadillac, in his own da, gives his version of this whole eyes the only honest man in Cana- matter. Sheldon's Michigan, p. 200.