

Michilimackinac, pledging his word to remove the ground of his complaint; he sent Mr. de Louvigny with him, and they two, by the influence they possessed over the Ottawa mind, at last brought those Indians to fulfill all that they had promised the Iroquois.<sup>1</sup>

1706.

This affair was scarcely ended when another, still more vexatious, arose, and but for the wisdom and firmness of the Governor-General, it would have involved us in a war against our own allies, and perhaps placed us in the cruel necessity of destroying a nation which had hitherto been most constantly attached to our interests, and afforded the English the greatest facility for once more turning the arms of the Iroquois against us. The occasion was this:

Hostility of the Miamis against the Ottawas.

Some Miamis had killed some Ottawas, I know not for what, and their sachems, from whom the Ottawa nation demanded reparation, merely replied that the thing had happened through inadvertence. Some time afterwards, an Ottawa, highly esteemed in his nation, was also killed by a Miami. Again demanding justice, they received the same reply. The Ottawas, stung to the quick, applied to de la Motte Cadillac, who commanded at Detroit, where there was a Miami, an Ottawa and a Huron village; that officer replied that he would inquire into the circumstances and see justice done.<sup>2</sup>

A few days after, he set out for Quebec,<sup>3</sup> and taking leave of the Ottawas he told them, that as long as they saw his wife at Detroit, they should remain quiet; but that if she left, he could not answer for what might ensue. At the end of two months, Madame de la Motte Cadillac embarked to join her husband in Quebec, and then the Commandant's last words to the Ottawas, coupled with his leaving them without bringing the Miamis to justice, raised fears that the French had resolved to ruin them in punishment for what they had done to the Iroquois at Cataro-

The Ottawas take umbrage at the French.

<sup>1</sup> Vaudreuil to Pontchartrain, April 28, 1706. N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 775. See La Motte in Sheldon's Michigan, p. 193.

<sup>2</sup> La Motte Cadillac, Ib. p. 196, says

he settled the affair and restored peace.

<sup>3</sup> He started for Detroit early in the autumn of 1704.