

It was not only in Canada that the English sought to turn against us the Indians, whose esteem and affection we were always more successful than themselves in securing. The colony of Louisiana was still in its cradle; nothing could be feebler than our two or three establishments there. They had, it is true, nothing to fear from the native inhabitants of the country, who were well treated and apparently satisfied with us; and this, perhaps, lulled us into a security, whose overweening extent a little more prudence would have corrected.

1708.
 The English endeavor to debauch from us the Louisiana Indians.

But the English of Carolina had taken great umbrage at these new settlements, and it was discovered this same year that the Tchactas (Choctaws),¹ our most faithful allies, had received presents from the Queen of Great Britain, the motive of this liberality being to obtain from these Indians a free passage over their territory for the English troops, to induce the other nations to remain neutral or destroy them in case of refusal. D'Artaguette, then acting as Commissaire Ordonnateur in that colony, who informed the Count de Pontchartrain of all this, added that two French voyageurs on proceeding to the Yazooos, found an Englishman with presents to the value of twenty-five thousand crowns, intended for distribution with this view among those Indians and the Illinois. It was also ascertained that in the speeches accompanying these presents, they were told that the Frenchmen they saw among them were the fugitive remnants of a nation destroyed by the English.

Thus our enemies resorted to all means to atone for the losses and affronts they had experienced during this campaign in New England and Acadia; but during the middle of the following winter they sustained a still greater

val, first Bishop of Quebec, died at the Seminary in Quebec, having resided there most of his life after his resignation of the See of Quebec, Jan'y 24, 1688. *Esquisse de la Vie et des Travaux Apostoliques de Mgr. Laval*, pp. 71, 77; Juchereau,

Histoire de l'Hotel Dieu, p. 436, Houssard's account of his death in the *Abeille*, I, nos. 9 to 11, and VIII, 31, 32, IX no. 1.

¹ The term Choctaw, will be used hereafter for the French form.