


1698.  having protested at the same time inviolable subjection and fidelity to his Majesty, and having complained of the outrages committed on them by your French and Indians of Canada, in violation of the treaty of peace, in which they deemed themselves included by virtue of the fidelity they owe the King, as his subjects. They have also shown me that your people have taken or carried off ninety-four of their people since the publication of peace, which surprises me greatly, the more especially as the Iroquois or Five Indian Nations have always been regarded as subjects of the crown of England, as can be shown to all the world by solid and authentic proofs.

Bellomont's
second
letter.

“But as I see by your letter of the 8th of June last, it would be useless for me to prove it, as you tell me positively that your orders are so precise . . . that you cannot overstep them till you receive fresh instructions . . . You are well aware that the incursions and hostilities committed by your people on our Indians before the last war, were the chief cause why the King declared war against France, as set forth in the declaration, so that I am astonished at your wishing to continue it . . . on our Indians, as it is a manifest violation of the treaty.

“The King my Master has, thank God, too much penetration in affairs and too great a heart to renounce his right. And for me, I have his interests too much at heart to suffer your people to commit the smallest insult on our Indians, especially to treat them as enemies. I have therefore given them orders to be on their guard, and in case they are attacked, to give no quarter either to Frenchmen or Indians, having furnished them all the assistance they required. You see, sir, I make no difficulty in informing you of all my proceedings, wherein I am certain of being sustained by the King my Master

“To show you how little our Five Nations of Indians regard your Jesuits and other missionaries, they have addressed me repeated instances to induce me to expel them from their country, representing to me that they were oppressed by them : and they have conjured me to send them