

some of our Protestant ministers to instruct them in the Christian religion. This I have promised them, and you have done well to forbid your missionaries to interfere any further with them, if they do not wish to undergo the punishment provided by the laws of England, and which I will assuredly enforce every time they fall into my hands, the Indians having promised to bring them to me as prisoners.

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“In conclusion, if you do not arrest acts of hostility on your side, you will be held responsible for all the consequences that may ensue, and I shall leave the whole world to judge which of us is more in the wrong, you for rekindling war, or I for defending our Indians against your attacks.

“These Indians were willing to put into my hands all the prisoners taken from you during the war, exceeding one hundred in number, on condition, that I should assure them of the liberation of their people whom you retain; but I was unwilling to assume all this, till I once more sought to learn your resolution. I send you back, however, four French prisoners whom our Indians had brought to Orange, (Albany,) with my passport to take them to Canada. If you consent to an exchange of prisoners on both sides, you will do well to give me notice thereof, that I have those of your people who are in the hands of the Indians brought together.

“They inform me from New England that your people have killed two Englishmen near a village called Alfiade, (Hatfield,) and that this occurred about the 15th of last month, as these poor people were harvesting unarmed, deeming themselves secure by reason of the peace. Such cruelties cannot be heard of without horror: and nevertheless, it is considered that the reward you give your allies, said to be fifty crowns for each scalp, encourages them to it. You will not, I think, take it amiss, if I tell you that this seems to me utterly opposed to Christianity.

“Day before yesterday two Onondagas came to inform me that you had sent two rebels of their nation to declare to the upper cantons, that in case they did not come to Canada in forty-five days, you would march into their