

mitted in a strange Nation, their own country would be in no wise responsible.

However, it is certain that one of our Hurons, named Awenhokwi, a nephew of one of the chief Captains of [67] this country, in company with another Huron, had been through many villages of the Neutral Nation while our Fathers were there, and said he had been sent in the name of the Captains and aged men of this neighborhood, with presents of hatchets, which he showed, in order to inform the Captains that they should beware of these Frenchmen unless they were willing to see the country ruined from their not having anticipated us. And these bearers of advice added that, in case they should refuse to carry out the scheme, the Hurons had resolved to accomplish it immediately after the return of the Fathers; and that the thing would have been done before this, had we not all been gathered together in the same house.

While this Awenhokwi was on his way, he met the Fathers in a village, showed them a thousand attentions, invited them and almost forced them to continue traveling further into the country with him; but they having business elsewhere let him go on. Afterward, when they had heard of the speeches and propositions of this fellow, they consulted with some Savages of the country concerning the design this Awenhokwi could have had in urging them so strongly [68] to make the journey with him, and they surmised nothing but evil therein.

This man, although the most dangerous, was not however the most shameless. But one named Oëntara, who came to the Neutral Nation, after having entertained the country with all the evil speeches