

it was at all safe to trust the Savages once more, in order that his Majesty's arms might not be checked by a false hope of peace.

But hardly were the Ambassadors two or three days' journey from Quebec, when word was received that some Frenchmen from Fort sainte Anne, who had gone out hunting, had been surprised by the Agniehronnons; and that sieur de Traversy, a Captain in the Regiment of Carignan, and sieur de Chusy had been killed by them, and some volunteers taken prisoners. This intelligence caused the immediate recall of the [37] French Deputies, and the detention of the Savages from Onneiout who had remained as hostages,—whose heads, according to the laws of war in this country, ought to have been split with a hatchet. But, without following these barbarous laws, we considered how we might best obtain satisfaction for this perfidy; and Monsieur Sorel, a Captain in the Regiment of Carignan, immediately organized an expedition of three hundred men, whom he led by forced marches into the enemy's country, resolved to use vigorous measures there without stint. But when he was still twenty leagues from their villages, he met a fresh Embassy bringing back the Frenchmen captured near Fort sainte Anne, and coming to offer all possible satisfaction for the murder of those [38] who had been slain, and fresh guaranties of peace. Consequently, this Captain returned with his troops; and there was no further talk of anything but peace, which it was proposed to conclude by a common council of all the Nations having Deputies at that time in Quebec.

These Negotiations did not yet meet with all the success hoped for, and Monsieur de Tracy concluded