

the two missionaries. They labor successfully for the reduction of the heretics of the country, where there are, in truth, many catholics, among others the governor.<sup>13</sup> As these two Fathers alone do not suffice, Father Pierron cheerfully offers to go and assist them, and at the same time to establish a Mission among the neighboring Savages, with whose language he is familiar. But there are many obstacles to this project, which seems to me impossible of execution because it is a Mission belonging to our English Fathers, who should themselves ask for Father Pierron's aid; because it is within another Assistancy, and the Father does not wish to leave that of France;<sup>14</sup> and, finally, because a considerable sum is needed to commence and carry out the project. Meanwhile, Father Pierron has returned to the Mission among the Iroquois, with very holy intentions; he is a man of great and rare virtue.

Since we are speaking of the Iroquois, Your Reverence will be glad to hear a word about the missionaries of that country.

Father Jacques Bruyas, the superior, is as zealous as he is prudent. He usually resides at Agnié, where he has had much to suffer from the Dutch, who are the neighbors of that village. He has even been compelled to hide, in order to save himself from the evil designs which those heretics entertain toward him. However, it seems that this opposition has served but to touch still more deeply the hearts of the Savages, who are being converted in greater numbers than ever; and the most notable man among them was recently baptized, and publicly renounced his superstitions. We expect a great deal from him; he has promised me that he will work