

Memorial in Regard to the Christian Iroquois
of the saut in Canada.

February, 1692.

MONSEIGNEUR DE PONTCHARTRAIN
Is very humbly supplicated to please remember the services that the colonies of Christian Iroquois established in new france have rendered and are still rendering to the french,—for the defense of whom almost half of these savages have perished while fighting as brave men against the English, and against the Iroquois, their relatives, and other savages, our enemies, of whom they have killed or captured a goodly number since the war. They find them out everywhere, and warn us of their marches, which the french cannot do as they can in the woods,—where, with their ordinary swift-ness, they have often overtaken various parties who were bringing back french and savage Captives, to burn them at a slow fire. They have attacked the enemy on land and upon the Water, into which they have often thrown themselves while fighting; and have there, while swimming, defeated the foe, and taken away their prisoners, whom they brought back with them.

Religion has so strongly attached them to us that they have despised the caresses, the presents, and the threats of the other Iroquois, their Compatriots,—who were soliciting them to abandon our side and return with them, in order that all together might