

Letter written by Reverend Father Bruyas, of  
the society of Jesus, to Monsieur the Count  
de Frontenac, Governor and Lieutenant-  
General for the King in Canada.

At the *Sault near Montréal*,  
April 5, 1691.

MONSEIGNEUR,

*You* will have already learned that a party of one hundred and forty agniés and Flemings, who captured ten or twelve savages of the Sault, gave them their liberty, and deputed three of their own chiefs to ascertain whether they would be welcome to their father Onnontio, whom they wished to sue for peace,—which they hoped to obtain, and to preserve inviolably with him, in order to prove their ardent desire to put an end to the war. They hastened to arrive in Canada, to inform us that an army of eight hundred Iroquois would soon swoop down upon our lands, and carry off, if they could, all the people between three Rivers and Montréal. When the three deputies entered the fort, without arms and as friends, they were well received by our savages, who were greatly rejoiced at seeing them so well inclined. They gave the deputies four or five small presents, in order to ascertain from them what their true intentions were. *By the first collar* they thanked them for having sent back the prisoners whom they had taken, and for having spared