

Decree of the Royal Council: The Missionaries
of Sault St. Louis, 1722.

THEY send a memorial containing the word of the Iroquois of Sault St. Louis to Monsieur the Marquis de Vaudreuil, to get back Father Lauzon, who had been withdrawn from that Mission,¹⁸ and to ask that no garrison be stationed among them.

THE IROQUOIS' WORD.

“The horrible discord that exists in our village is partly due to the frequent change of our best Missionaries, and partly to the french garrison that was posted there some years ago. As we are earnest in our intention of establishing ourselves in our same condition, we have come down expressly, our father Onnontio, to ask you to give us back Gannenrontié”—that is Father de Lauzon's name—“and that the french garrison which was withdrawn from our village, three years ago, be not stationed there again. It is too prejudicial to us to allow us not to oppose its being again posted there. Our fields and our cabins, which are left open, and—what is of more importance—our wives and our daughters, are not safe with the french soldiers. Our Young men, who are very numerous, follow but too willingly the bad examples before their eyes; and a thousand vices that were formerly unknown among us have unfortunately been introduced in our midst since we