

have had a garrison. Tranquillity and good order have been banished; for, in addition to what we have just said, the soldiers frequently seek by false reports to embroil us with the officer, and the officer with the Governors, none of which things happened when we had no garrison. There are none in any of the other villages of our brothers, and we are not in a worse condition than they. Nevertheless, it is desired to place one among us again, because we are the most attached to the French, and have sustained the most cruel wars in their defense,—both against our own brothers, and against the English, from whom we receive naught but kindness.

“The first and only reason that made us leave our country and our families was religion; we sought a spot where it would be safe among us, and where we could imitate our Missionaries, and we found no place more suitable than among the French. Hardly was our village established when our own brothers declared war against the French. We could have remained neutral, as we were asked to do; but our gratitude and attachment led us pitilessly to shed the blood of our brothers. After so striking a proof of our attachment it is desired, contrary to the well-being of our Village, to show that we are distrusted, which is very insulting to us.

“Let garrisons be stationed in all the other villages, and then we will say nothing; but we are treated as slaves. This is very hard upon us, and is too shameful to endure without our begging you, Our Father Onnontio, not to station another french garrison in our village. We have been at peace during the three years that have elapsed since we were delivered from one; refuse us not the favor