

that we ask so earnestly, and which may avert many Ills that might happen. We also desire that our word be borne to the King—the Great Onnontio, beyond the great lake, and our father. It is right that he be informed that the amount of so unnecessary an expenditure as that of maintaining a garrison here, and of erecting barracks for it, would be much better spent in supplying more pressing needs,—such as those of poor widows and orphans, whose husbands and fathers have been killed in war for the good of the Colony.

“With reference to the complaint made against us, that we go to Orange to trade for the French, we promise to go there no longer, provided the Rule be the same for all the other villages—who go there like us, and to whom not a word is said.”

Monsieur de Vaudreuil's answer was:

“I shall consider the matter, when the time comes to station a garrison among you. It will not be for the present. I shall write to the Court about it.”

The missionaries write that it is easy to see, by this step taken by the Savages, that such a garrison is very prejudicial to the interests of God and of the King; and that that was the sole motive of the Missionaries when they had a memorial presented by Father Lafiteau to His Most Serene Highness, asking that no garrison be again stationed at the Sault, owing to the grievous consequences that would result therefrom—the principal one of which would be the ruin of the Village.

“Great difficulty was experienced in collecting the Savages in this new Village, as two-thirds of them wished to go to settle farther away, and closer to England; and Father Lauson succeeded only when