

for having assisted them in their need. The disposition of these wild men, little accustomed to praise any one, suggests reflection, and would suffice even to convince you, our Lords, of the uprightness of the proceedings of your petitioner, who to persuade the notable men of the Iroquois nation to come and ask peace of my Lord, the Governor General, and engage others to bring their skins and fur to Montreal, has not spared any effort, either in the knowledge which he has acquired during the five years he has had the honor to command the Outaouas or in all the voyages that he has made, using all the necessary means to reach the end arrived at to-day, securing a solid peace, which must give a new life to the Colony.

To give you an idea of the manner in which your petitioner acted, he prays our Lords to consider that when he reached the Fort Frontenac, according to the order of my Lord the Chevalier De Callière, the Iroquois gathered there to the number of 600 men or more. They were very resentful on account of the blow struck by the Algonkins and others, our allies, on the Chaudière River. They only thought of revenging themselves. Notwithstanding the parleys for peace they had had during the war with my Lord the Count De Frontenac, and continued during this apparent suspension of hostilities with my Lord the Chevalier De Callière, they were naturally inclined to war, as they were warriors; but this strong desire was still more increased by the number of their wounded, who are now at their homes, and whose condition stimulates their brethren to vengeance.

If the petitioner had to answer judges who were ignorant of the habits of the Indians, he would explain to them how difficult it is to captivate their minds, how much it is necessary to expend to persuade them to carry out any plan, and how little confidence can be placed in their words; but, my Lords, you are too much enlightened, and know the steps which have been taken, the sums which have been expended to the present time to obtain a peace so necessary to this Colony—all to no effect, although several embassies were received from the enemy. You are acquainted with the perfidy of this nation, and the