

they should previously release all their prisoners: Thirdly, That they should replace the French whom they had killed by slaves, whom they were to make prisoners from the distant nations with whom they were at war: Fourthly, That they should pay the expenses of the war by the products of the chase.

De Louvigny pretended to his allies, to whom he distributed a few beaver skins presented to him by the Outagamies, that he had consented to pardon the besieged on these conditions; but he should deceive himself if he believed the Foxes sincere. It was apparent to every one that they could not conceal their dissimulation; but he left them, and returned to Quebec, where it is certain that the reception his General gave him, and the yet greater distinction that he received from the French Court the following year, proved that he had already distinguished himself; that he had done nothing without authority; and the sequel shows, that this command had not been given with a knowledge of the cause. M. De Louvigny concluded peace with the Foxes, having received from them six hostages, either chiefs or sons of chiefs, as a surety for the fulfillment of their pledge to send deputies to Montreal, in order to ratify the treaty there with the Governor-General. And this treaty, which they had reduced to writing with De Louvigny,* contained an express cession of the country to the French.

Unfortunately the small pox, which raged the following winter in the Colony, and among the neighboring tribes, carried off three of the hostages, who died at Montreal, and among them the famous war chief Pemoussa. De Vaudreuil, fearful lest the treaty should fail, hastened upon the ice to Montreal, and despatched De Louvigny to Michillimakinac, with orders to execute the conditions accepted by the Foxes, and to bring to Montreal the chiefs of that and neighboring tribes, together with the ranger-deserters, to whom the king had granted a full pardon.

De Louvigny set out at the close of May, 1717. One of the surviving hostages, who had been attacked by the small-pox,

*Probably referring to an engrossed copy.