

should place all their reliance in the master of Life. The hurons retorted that the others had too much. But at the first volley the chief medicine-man was killed with 4 or 5 of his nation who had like him made use of the medicine. The Iroquois did not lose a man in the whole battle. They were all very assiduous in saying their prayers night and morning throughout the journey.

The Iroquois came to see their Father Onontio on their return from the Expedition, on June 5th. They told him that out of the 148 prisoners mentioned in the relation, The hurons had killed 56 on the way back, owing to the difficulty they experienced in leading so great a number, and through fear that they might Escape; And that there might remain About thirty True Renards whom they would have destroyed had they been in the Village that they attacked; but they were in the nine cabins that we have mentioned. It is presumed that the Puants or other nations which are Their Enemies, have destroyed them; they have been informed of the Blow inflicted by our settled savages.

1732: THE KING'S MEMOIR

[Extract of the yearly instructions of the King and Minister to the Governor and Intendant of New France. MS. in archives of Ministère des Colonies, Paris; press-mark, "Collection Moreau-St. Méry, vol. 10, f. 12, fol. 33."]

VERSAILLES, April 22nd, 1732.

His Majesty, having obtained information respecting the matters whereof the Sieurs de Beauharnois and Hocquart Wrote last year in regard to the affairs of the Colony, has decided to explain to them His intentions Concerning certain portions of that administration.

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Defeat of the Nothing can add to the Satisfaction felt by
 Renards. His Majesty on receiving the confirmation of
 the news of the almost Total defeat of the
 Renards in the battle fought against that nation by the detach-