

assurance to the English, that no violence should be offered them; and moreover, the English commander was desired to deliver his answer to the sieur de Jumonville, and to use that officer with due distinction and regard.

This deputy set out with an escort of thirty men, and so soon as the next morning, he found himself surrounded by a troop composed of English and Savages; the first discharged immediately two volleys, by which some soldiers were killed. The sieur de Jumonville made a signal, giving to understand, that he was bearer of a letter from his commander. Upon which, the fire ceased: A circle was immediately made round the officer, to hear what he had to say. He ordered the summons to be read, and before the man had done reading, he was himself murdered by the English. The remaining part of the French, who formed his escort, were immediately made prisoners of war; the only one who escaped, in giving an account to the sieur de Contre-Cœur of the circumstances of this affair, assured him, that the Savages, who were in company with the English, had not fired, and that even at the very time that M. de Jumonville was murdered, they had thrown themselves in between the French and their enemies.

This murder wrought on the minds of the Savages in a different manner from what major Washington himself, who commanded the English detachment, expected. Even those
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