

THE MEDALS OF THE WAR WITH THE THIRTEEN
COLONIES (1775-80)

were given for the purpose of winning the wavering warriors to the cause of Canada, as may be seen by the following quotations: "Upon the breaking out of the Revolutionary war, Charles de Langlade . . . was persuaded by Captain de Pyster . . . to take an active part in the war . . . and this, as de Pyster remarks in his *Miscellanies*, was equivalent to securing all the western Indians in our interest. He was soon required to raise an Indian force, and repaired to Canada for its defence with a large body of Sioux, Saukes, Foxes, Menomonees, Winnibagos, Ottawas, Pattawattamies and Chippewas. He marched to Montreal, and upon arrival, a grand council was held . . ." (1). It was, no doubt, on this occasion that Governor Haldimand gave to each of the chiefs the great medal with a certificate, one of which reads as follows:—

" Frederick Haldimand, Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Province of Quebec, Ec. Ec. Ec., General and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces in said Province and Frontier, &c. &c. &c.

To Chawanon, Great Chief of the Folles Avoines.

In consideration of the fidelity, zeal and attachment testified by *Chawanon, Grand Chief of the Folles Avoines* to the King's Government and by virtue of

(1) *Grignon's Recollections* which appeared in the Third Annual Report and Collections of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Madison, 1857. Page 229.