

Senecas, after being informed secretly of intention to make war, escaped in the said barque (one built by the Governor to trade on Lake Ontario, which was anchored in a little river seven leagues from their village, and where all the Iroquois used to come to trade.)—[*N. Y. Col. Doc.* IX, p. 229.]

In November 1702, Mr. De Callieres announced that Father Garnier and Father Vaillant<sup>1</sup> had gone to the Senecas, accompanied by Captain De Maricourt, and some French men to arrange their establishment.—[*ib.* p. 737.] Garnier and Vaillant must have left soon after, as Garnier was sent back in 1703, (*ib.* 750;) and Vaillant in 1704, (*ib.* p. 762.) There was a missionary as late as 1706, (*ib.* p. 775.)

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<sup>1</sup> Father FRANCIS VAILLANT DE GUESLIS, came to Canada as a student in 1650 received holy orders at Quebec, December 1st, 1675, according to the *Liste Chronologique* and replaced Father Bruyas as Missionary at Tionnontoguen near present Canajoharie, in 1679. He was resident among the Mohawks in 1683, and accompanied Denonville's expedition against the Senecas in 1687, and in the beginning of 1688 visited Albany as Ambassador to Governor Dongan on the part of the Canadian Government, on which occasion he acquitted himself with ability.—*New York Council Minutes*, V, 211. At the conclusion of this negotiation he proceeded to Cataracouy, (present Kingston) escorted by two Indians, who were sent by Governor Dongan to prevent him having any intercourse with the Mohawks, his former flock. The breaking out of King William's war and the abandonment of Fort Cataracouy, drove him back to Canada, but after the peace he was sent in 1702-3 with Father Garnier on a mission to the Senecas, by whom he was deputed in 1704 to Governor Vaudreuil to demand satisfaction for a violation of the Treaty on the part of the Ottawas. He returned immediately to the Senecas and contributed to thwart the efforts of Col. Schuyler at Onondaga who sought to prevail on the Five Nations to expel the French missionaries.—*Charlevoix* II, 292-4. Father Vaillant was succeeded in 1707 in the Seneca Mission by the Rev. Father d'Heu, and returned to France in 1715.—O'Callaghan, *N. Y., Col. History* IX, 762.