

how the heart of a Christian can be hardened to such a degree as to behold with a dry eye that it is they themselves who destroy their brethren and compatriots. » (2). Dongan, with characteristic Irish blarney, writes thus to Denonville : « I have found very much satisfaction by the hopes of a good correspondence with a person of so great merit, worth, and repute spread abroad in the army in which I served. » (3). Like his royal master, Dongan seems to have been greedy for French gold, for in one of his letters he asks Denonville to aid him in securing the payment of « twenty five thousand liures » due him for service under Louis (4). In one of his first letters, Dongan writes Denonville : « I have heard that before the King your master pretended to Canada, the Indians, so far as the South Sea, were under the English dominion and traded with Albany. » (5). Not alone on paper was the conflict carried on. Each side aided its savage allies in attacking the other. The Iroquois continued to attack and pillage the French and their Indians, while Denonville retaliated by ravaging the country of the Senecas. This colonial controversy was very irritating to James and Louis who did not have any desire to quarrel. Denonville suggested that his master should buy New York, and it was very fortunate for English interests in America that the French King did not follow this advice. Finally, Jeffries and Barillon met and drew up a treaty of neutrality ; but the butcher of the bloody assizes was no match for Barillon, the skilled diplomat, and the treaty placed Dongan, the sturdy champion of British rights in America, at a disadvantage. (6). However, the destruction of the Hudson Bay Company's forts, the invasion of British territory, the killing of the Senecas, the importunities of Dongan, led King James to repeal some portion of the treaty. The royal letter notifying Dongan of this amendatory act came just in time to fortify him for the coming conference with Elambert Dumont and the Jesuit Valiant.

The Jesuits were a great annoyance to Governor Dongan. He was a staunch Roman Catholic, but he would not be deceived as to the real inten

(2) *N. Y. Col. Doc.*, Vol. III, 457.

(3) *N. Y. Col. Doc.*, Vol. III, 460.

(4) *N. Y. Col. Doc.*, Vol. III, 460.

(5) *N. Y. Col. Doc.*, Vol. III, 460.

(6) *N. Y. Col. Doc.*, Vol. III, 505, 506, 507. Parkman. *Frontenac and New France*.