

The word taken as a root is a supposed infinitive; and in subsequent revisions of this work, the present indicative was adopted, but the present is the book as prepared by its author.

This clergyman, Father JACQUES BRUYAS, of the Society of Jesus, a native of Lyons, came to Canada in 1666, arriving at Quebec on the third of August. From the fourteenth of July 1767, when he set out for the Mohawk, down to his death at the Mohawk mission of Sault St. Louis, subsequent to 1700, he was constantly connected with the missions among the Five Nations; spoke the Mohawk as well as he did French; and was regarded as the Master of the language, in which he composed several works, besides the present and other treatises on it. His abilities were admitted by all, not only the writers of his order, but by Hennepin (who seems to have perused this very manuscript), Earl Bellomont and Cotton Mather. His knowledge of the various dialects of the Iroquois must have been great indeed; for after a short stay among the Mohawks in 1667, he was at Oneida from September 1667 to 1671; then among the Mohawks till 1679, except in 1673, when he was in the Seneca tribe. After this, he was chiefly at the Mission of Sault St. Louis on the St. Lawrence. He was Superior of the Iroquois missions for several years, and Superior of all the missions in Canada from 1693 to 1700. In the negotiations between the French and Iroquois from 1699 to 1701, he took an active part, and visited New-York with a letter announcing the termination of hostilities. His last appearance in New-York was in 1700 and 1701, at Onondaga.

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