

was the true founder of the long Anglo-Iroquois alliance.

To return from our digression, the letters to Massachusetts sent on the part of the Albany Convention were signed by Schuyler and by two others, — Wessels, the Recorder, and Killian van Rensselaer the second, representing the manor, but Parkman rightly attributes the terms of the message to Schuyler alone, as subsequent events proved. These letters were in the same terms to the various colonies. That to Massachusetts was dated 15 February 1690, six days after the Schenectady attack, and in its course relates the remark of the Mohawk chiefs to which I have referred :

*"Write to all them that are in covenant with us, namely New England, Virginia and the English Planters of America, to make all readiness to master Canada early in the Spring, with great ships, else you cannot live in peace. Now gentlemen, " (the letter proceeds) "the Indians speak well, yet we are satisfied by all their actions that they will side with the strongest and the Indians that are amongst the French are all of our Indian relations, and it cannot be imagined that they will destroy one another, therefore, if their Majesties' subjects do not rise like one man against the French, their Majesties' interests in these parts will be destroyed, and they once being rooted out, all your evils which spring from them as a fountain will be quashed. The longer we stay the worse it will be, for we must do it at last. Make all*