

The Indians resolved among themselves, to send Konatageté, Oratori and four others to lay in wait at Oswego, under the pretext of informing themselves whether the Five Nations had rejected them, or if they could better themselves by preferring the English to the French. The real object was to know the part they were going to take. Although they were attached to the French, they wished nevertheless to inform their own people, in case the English should penetrate into these parts. This brave Indian Konatageté, since he had become a Christian, thought of nothing but good affairs, and pretended that his religion was repugnant to the profession of the warrior.

M. Pouchot felt that the English might either prevent or arrest these Indians, did all he could to dissuade them from going to Oswego. He foresaw that they would not be recognized by the whites, who would take them for spies. He could not imagine that they would be wanting on this point. M. Pouchot had rather preferred to engage some war parties to bring him prisoners. We will observe that before the taking of Oswego Konatageté was medal-chief; strongly attached to the English, and employed by them as a spy. When we were at Frontenac, the commanders at that fort used him when they wished to buy from, or traffic with the English, such as calicos, &c. This Indian was so offended at this place being lost, that he abandoned them, and gave himself entirely up to the French.