

And the English cultivated friendly relations with the Irroquois even before they took over the "covenant chain" of the Dutch alliance in 1664. In 1648 the Colony of Massachusetts applied to the French at Quebec for a treaty of reciprocity. The French Governor D'Aillebout agreed to enter into such a treaty on condition that the English of Massachusetts should aid the French in subduing the Irroquois. This the English refused to do on the ground that the Irroquois had never molested them in any way. The Irroquois were informed of this French proposal, and thereupon renewed their war with ~~the French,~~ ^{the French,} ~~then,~~ determined to exterminate both them and their Huron and Algonquin allies. They did succeed in practically exterminating the Hurons in the war that followed, a broken remnant of that nation seeking the protection of the French at Quebec in 1650. They were given land on the Island of Orleans. In 1653 the Irroquois made peace with the French in order to exterminate the Eries, Ottawas and Andastes. ~~After~~ They completed this undertaking effectively in 1656, and then ~~doing this effectively they~~ embraced Christianity. The Catholics amongst them were given lands by the French at Sault St. Louis or Caughnawaga. The majority of the Irroquois however remained with the English and became Protestants. In 1687 James II was induced by representations of Governor Dougan of New York to authorize the Governor to protect the Irroquois. This was done by Royal Warrant dated 10th. November 1687. In the next year Governor Dougan was succeeded by Sir Edmund Andros, who claimed the Irroquois as British subjects, and by the terms of whose Commission British rule was claimed to extend westward to the Pacific. For commercial reasons the English sought to have the Irroquois effect an alliance with the Senecas and other Indian allies of the French in the West, and to seduce them from the French alliance. To offset this the French for a time paid their Indian allies a bounty of twenty crowns for each male Englishman captured and ten for each female, and a bounty of ten crowns for each English or Irroquois scalp.