It was next represented to him that before openly taking up arms the storehouses must first be well supplied with provisions and ammunition, as near as possible to the enemy ; for the reason that as the object was not merely to alarm the Iroquois, as we contented ourselves with doing in Mr. de Tracy's time, but to reduce them to such a point that they would no longer be in a condition to molest us, we should be obliged to remain longer in or near their country ; that Fort Catarocouy was of great advantage for this design, inasmuch as from that post we could in forty-eight hours fall on the Seneca canton, the most remote of all ; that it was indispensable to have three or four barks on Lake Ontario to carry provisions, munitions, and a part of the men, wherever it might be necessary ; that it was on the shores of the Senecas that war must first be carried, but before being involved in such an enterprise it would be necessary to solicit of the king two or three hundred soldiers, a part of whom might be placed in garrison in Forts Catarocouy and La Galette, to guard the head of the colony, while all the forces were without ; that it would also be expedient to beg his majesty to send into the country a thousand or fifteen hundred employees to cultivate the ground in the absence of the settlers, as well as means for the storehouses and the building of the barks ; that to induce the king to meet this expense, it was necessary to convince him of the necessity of the war and of the inability of the colony to sustain it ; and especially to lay before him that the lack of relief from France was beginning to draw on us the contempt of the Indians, whereas were these tribes to behold French troops arrive, the Iroquois would, perhaps, think twice before attacking us ; nor would our allies hesitate to aid us with all their might against a nation whose power they dreaded, but over whom they would feel certain of triumphing did they but see us in a position to assist them vigorously.

Mr. de la Barre drew up a report of this deliberation