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were Catholics, and that they should have in New York missionaries of the same religion.<sup>1</sup> Yet he gained nothing, either with the Christian Iroquois or even with the pagans, and the canton of Onondaga refused to surrender Father de Lamberville to him.

The English are received at Michillimakinac.

He succeeded better at first at Michillimakinac, whither for some time past all the Indians who had been gathered at Sault St. Mary's had retired. He sent them English traders, who took great care to announce in advance that they would sell their goods much cheaper than the French could do. They were very well received, and conducted their trade in perfect liberty, because, unfortunately, Mr. de la Durantaye was absent. He arrived almost at the moment when they had just departed, and he wished to pursue them instantly; but the Hurons prevented him, and sent an escort to the English, which conducted them till they fell in with the Senecas coming to meet them.

Nothing was fraught with greater danger than this opening of trade between New York and the nations whom we had till then regarded as our most faithful allies.<sup>2</sup> Accordingly, Mr. de Dénouville thought that he must no longer defer making war on the Senecas, who were the intermediate agents; but, before all things, it was necessary to present a front on all sides, have a strong garrison at Catarocouy, send a considerable detachment by Sorel River on the side of the Mohawks, to hold that canton in check, and excite the jealousy of Colonel Dongan.

Forces of the colony.

Nor was it less necessary to have magazines at various points, and put them beyond danger. For all this, and to compose this army, which the general wished to command in person, only eight hundred men could be drawn from

<sup>1</sup> Dongan's Report, *ib.*, iii., p. 394. Dongan brought out Jesuits from England to replace the French: Oliver's Collections, Scotch-English Members of the Society of Jesus, London, 1845: *Verbis*, Gage, Charles,

p. 97; Harrison, Henry, p. 113; Harvey, Thos., p. 114; *Doc. Hist.*, iii., p. 73.

<sup>2</sup> Dénouville to Seignelay, N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 297; *ib.*, iii., p. 295; la Hontan, i., p. 68.