

order that he may have less difficulty in retiring alone. The poor Father, withal, knows nothing of our designs, and I regret to expose him. I learn that the five cantons are making up a large force against the Miamis and the Indians of (Green) bay. They destroyed a village of the latter, but the hunters overtook and defeated them with loss; they now wish to take their revenge. They have recently made great havoc among the Illinois; they no longer keep any terms with us, and plunder our canoes wherever they find them."¹

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While these things were passing in the midst of the colony, affairs had once more changed face in Hudson's Bay. The English always treated our establishment on St. Teresa's River as an usurpation; but the court of London had been convinced on this point, and the two kings had agreed that each party should remain in possession of what he occupied. Both courts acted, doubtless, with equal sincerity; but as in England the nation is not always in harmony with the sovereign, and does not regard the deliberations of the council as laws which require their submission to them, precaution must be taken in treating with the court. This the French had not previously thought of doing, and we have seen the consequences.

Affairs at
Hudson's
Bay.

It was afterwards known that Colonel Dongan, who then exercised *ad interim* the functions of governor-general in New England, had had no slight share in the treachery that deprived us of the fort on St. Teresa's River, an act as to which the most Christian king had made great but ineffectual complaints to the king of Great Britain through Mr. de Barillon, his ambassador near that prince. Charles II. disavowed his subjects, but he had not the power to restore to his ally what had been wrested from him through the treachery of a deserter.²

¹ N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 298; Doc. Hist., i., p. 132; Canada Doc., I., iii., p. 110. Charlevoix does not cite verbally or continuously. The de-
feat of the Iroquois is apparently that by the Outagamis mentioned in la Hontan, Voyages, vol. ii., p. 167.
² Collect. of Treaties, i., pp. 442-6.