

1686. execution, without deviating from it for any reason whatever. And as by the 14th and 15th articles of that treaty it is especially agreed that orders shall be sent to the governors and other officers to prosecute as pirates all the private shippers who have no lawful commission, and those who hold one from any prince or state with which either of the two nations is at war, my intention is that in case any of these ships arrive in your jurisdiction you have them arrested and prosecuted."¹

It is beyond doubt that such a treaty, if it could be religiously observed, would be equally advantageous to all European nations which have colonies in the New World, and that it would contribute infinitely to the progress of religion among the nations subject to the Catholic princes; but experience, on more than one occasion, should have convinced them that the English would not observe it, and there is every reason to infer that they proposed it only to lull the French into false security. This was not doubted for a single moment in New France, nor were they long in perceiving that their anticipations were not unfounded.

The
English
violate it.

The very next year they made an attempt on the fort at Quitchichouen, which bore the name of Sainte Anne after we had taken possession of it; but they found there the valiant Iberville, who repulsed them with loss, took a vessel from them, and burned a house which they had built on the seashore.² Colonel Dongan, on his side, never desisted from his constant intrigues with the Iroquois, who, sure of support whenever they needed his aid, grew more insolent every day, and no longer kept any bounds. This had obliged Mr de Dénonville to declare war on them in the month of September in the preceding year, 1686.

¹ See Treaty, November 16, 1686; *Memoires des Commissaires*, vol. ii., p. 81; *Corps Diplomatique*, VII., part ii., p. 141; also, Provisional Treaty concerning America, *Memoires des Com.*, vol. ii., p. 89. See letter of Louis XIV. to de Dénonville and de Champigny, N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., pp. 322, 330; Order to Dongan, N. Y. Col. Doc., iii., p. 504; Instrument for Preventing Acts of Hostility, *ib.*, 505.

² Canada Documents, II., v., p. 53.