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wholly to Mr. de Dénouville, whom he flattered himself he would be able to amuse, but he did not. At last, learning that all our French and Indians were on the point of marching, he notified the Iroquois, who began to distrust something. Yet this did not prevent their sending their chiefs to Catarocouy, where they trusted they would intimidate the general, or involve him in some negotiation which would give them time to anticipate him.¹

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But the French army was already encamped on the small island of St. Helen,² which is in front of Montreal; and on the 7th of June Mr. de Champigny Noroi,³ who had the year previous succeeded Mr. de Meulles⁴ as intendant of New France, proceeded to the camp with the Chevalier de Vaudreuil, who had recently arrived in the colony with the rank of commandant of the troops.⁵ All was ready, and on the 11th the army began

¹ See Correspondence, N. Y. Col. Doc., iii., pp. 455-8, ix., p. 311; Doc. Hist., i., pp. 143, 145. Dongan sold them powder and lead, and gave them a considerable quantity as a present: Colden's Five Nations, ed. 1727, p. 97.

² La Hontan, Voyages, i., p. 89.

³ John Bochart, Seigneur de Champigny, Noroy, Verneuil, etc., was made intendant April 24, 1686: Arrets et Ordonnances, iii., p. 51. He arrived in September (Juchereau, Histoire de l'Hotel Dieu, p. 289) or earlier (la Hontan, Voyages, i., p. 72). He belonged to one of the most distinguished families in civil employ in France (ib., p. 73), and was related to de Lauson, a former governor: Juchereau, Histoire de l'Hotel Dieu, p. 289. He was succeeded, in 1702, by Mr. de Beauharnois: N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 740.

⁴ De Meules, appointed May 1, 1682 (Arrets et Ordonnances, iii., p. 47), was removed in 1686, on the unjust charge of looking too much to

his own interests: La Hontan, i., p. 72; Juchereau, Histoire de l'Hotel Dieu, p. 289.

⁵ Philip de Rigaud, son of John Louis de Rigaud, Seigneur et Baron de St. Cornette, who died in 1659, then entered the king's musketeers, and in 1676 had risen to the rank of brigadier and colonel. Appointed to command the detachment of eight hundred men sent to Canada, he arrived in the Arc-en-ciel July, 1687 (N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 331), after a voyage of thirty-three days (St. Valier, Etat Présent, p. 91), accompanied Dénouville to Western New York (ib., p. 334), distinguished himself at Quebec, where he held the rank of colonel in the regular army, and was promoted in consequence to the captaincy of a man-of-war: Daniel, Une Page de Notre Histoire, p. 259. Was in Frontenac's Onondaga expedition, and in 1698 became governor of Montreal, succeeding Mr. de Callières, whom he succeeded as governor of the colony in 1703.