

tified great joy, and the sequel will show that nothing should have been neglected to maintain that post, notwithstanding the difficulties encountered; but sickness breaking out soon after among the garrison, which died to a man,¹ this fatality was ascribed to the air of the place. There is, however, every ground to infer that it was caused solely by the provisions, which were spoiled.² Be that as it may, this important post was soon after abandoned and destroyed, to the great regret of Mr. de Dénouville.³

Meanwhile the governor of New York steadily pursued his plan, which consisted in endeavoring to debauch our allies and draw to himself all the trade of Canada, as well as render the Iroquois our irreconcilable enemies. He informed the cantons that he did not wish them to go any more to Catarocouy, or have any missionary except of his choice; he even persuaded them to send back to the Hurons and Ottawas of Michillimakinac all the prisoners they had taken from them. He again sent word to the Iroquois of Sault St. Louis and the Mountain that if they would remove near him he would give them English Jesuits as missionaries, and a much more advantageous tract of land than that which they occupied. He finally notified the Marquis de Dénouville that if he continued to molest the Iroquois, he could not refrain from giving them open aid.⁴

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New
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101, says de Bergers, with one hundred and twenty men, was left under the Chevalier de Troyes, with supplies for eight months. De la Potherie, *Histoire de l'Amérique Septentrionale*, ii., p. 208, says des Bergers had one hundred men. See Colden, *Five Nations*, 1727, p. 102.

¹ La Hontan says that de Bergers and twelve men escaped the scurvy, and were found by some Miamis, who aided them to reach Catarocouy: *Nouv. Voyage*, i., p. 131. De la Potherie, *Histoire de l'Amérique*

Septentrionale, ii., p. 210, says all died but seven or eight, who were saved by Miamis.

² Belmont ascribes it to the fresh pork eaten at the Seneca village, which caused dysenteries, *Histoire du Canada*, p. 26, though on p. 27 he attributes it to scurvy from salt food and lack of vegetables.

³ A new fort has been built here within a few years. Several colonists have settled there, but no one complains of the unhealthfulness of the air. *Charlevoix*.

⁴ Dongan to Dénouville, 8th Sept.,