

a dying state.¹ At the same time that the general's letter was handed to that missionary, Father Vaillant arrived at Catarocouy, with two Indians whom Governor Dongan had given him to attend him on his return, and prevent his passing through the Mohawk canton.²

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Father de Lamberville gained one of these two Indians, and induced him to go to Onondaga to inform that canton that the governor of New York was guided solely by self-interest while laboring to involve them in a war with the French. This Indian found all the cantons assembled, and a party of about a thousand men ready to dash down on the French settlements. He had no little difficulty in disabusing them of the false impressions which Colonel Dongan had given them, that the French were plotting some new treachery against them. He succeeded, nevertheless, in part, and even induced them to send deputies to treat with Mr. de Dénonville; but five hundred warriors resolved to accompany these deputies, under pretext of acting as an escort.³

When they arrived near Catarocouy, Haaskouaun, one of the deputies, called in French accounts *la Grande Gueule*, advanced from the party with six men, entered the fort, and asked the commandant for one of his officers to accompany him to Montreal. Mr. d'Orvilliers gave him the Sieur de la Perelle, his lieutenant, who, on embarking in that Indian's canoe, was quite surprised to see himself in the midst of six hundred well-armed warriors, and received in a manner to lead him to fear that he was a prisoner in their hands.⁴

They were, however, only making game of him, by ex-

killed and one taken : Histoire du Canada, p. 28.

¹ Father Lamberville went to Niagara September 24, and was seized with the scurvy there. Ste. Hélène was to bring him down from Catarocouy : Belmont, Histoire du Canada, p. 27.

² See Belmont, Histoire du Canada, p. 27.

³ Charlevoix seems to follow conversations or notes of de Lamberville.

⁴ N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 390. Belmont says Outréouhati, otherwise called Grande Gueule, Black Kettle, and Gagniégoton.