

other cantons were again straitened to defend themselves against the Andastes.¹ Finally, the small-pox broke out in almost all their towns, and committed great ravages.² Hence they were more disposed than ever to live well with us: the Onondagas even requested the French to come and restore their former establishment in their canton, offering to send as many of their own daughters as should be desired, to be educated by the Ursulines, and serve as hostages.³

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But at the time that they were preparing to dispatch deputies to conclude this arrangement, a Huron, naturalized among the Iroquois, spread rumors through all the towns, which broke off the negotiations. He arrived from Three Rivers, where he had learned, he said, that thousands of men had just landed at Quebec, and that the French were on the point of pouring down in full force on the Iroquois country, resolved not to leave a cabin standing, and to exterminate the whole nation.⁴

The only truth in this was, that the Bishop of Petraea and Mr. de Mesy, whom the king sent to relieve the Baron d'Avaugour, had just arrived at Quebec with troops.⁵ They were also accompanied by the Sieur Gaudais, whom the king had appointed Commissary to take possession, in his majesty's name, of all New France, the Canada Company having restored the domain to the king on the

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and several taken, near the Richelieu Isles: Relation de la Nouvelle France, 1663, p. 15; Lalemant, Journal, May, 1663. They also rescued a settler of Montreal, who had just been enrolled in the Militia of the Holy Family, recently established by M. de Maisonneuve: Mem. Hist. Soc. Montreal, p. 134.

¹ Susquehannas: Relation de la Nouvelle France, 1663, p. 10.

² Relation de la Nouvelle France, 1663, p. 11.

³ Ib.

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⁴ Ib.

⁵ They arrived Sept. 15, 1663: Lalemant, Journal; M. Marie de l'Incarnation, Lettres. De Mesy's commission is in the Edits et Ordonnances, iii., p. 21. D'Avaugour did not await the arrival of his successor, but left on the 23d of July (Lalemant, Journal), after having submitted to the king an able memoir on the means to be adopted to give France the mastery of North America: N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., pp. 13, 20.