

preparation for this enterprise. They take it. Other Abénaquis drive the English from fourteen other forts. Several of these Indians think of removing within the colony. Denonville's memoir on the actual position of New France and the remedy to be applied to the disorders that had crept in. The King wishes a defensive policy pursued and the settlers gathered into towns. Frontenac's efforts to gain the Iroquois. Reply of the cantons to the propositions made them. He refuses to give audience to their deputy, because the chief of the deputation had been wanting in respect to him. A Cayuga chief answers them in his own name, but in concert with him. What entitled the Governor-General to assume so haughty a tone with them. The Ottawas treat with the Iroquois without French intervention. What induced them. Efforts of de la Durantaye and the missionaries in the matter. Father de Carheil's letter to Count de Frontenac on the same subject. Its effect on the General's mind.

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### BOOK XIII.

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