

the Governor took the cantons under his safeguard, and assured them of the protection of the king of Great Britain, and that his Majesty, who considered them as his own children, would never let them want for any thing.¹

1688.

Andros wrote at the same time to the Marquis de Dénonville, that he must not flatter himself that he could make peace with the Iroquois, subjects of the English crown, under any other conditions than those already proposed by Colonel Dongan, his predecessor; that in other respects, so far as he was personally concerned, he was most disposed to live on good terms with him, and that he had already forbidden the English of his dependence to commit any hostility on the territories dependent on the French. As this governor also commanded in New England, after such a declaration, there was every ground to expect that no part of New France was free from risk on the part of the English.²

But under the term New France that General apparently included neither Acadia nor the circumjacent provinces, although the treaty of Breda declared them to form a part thereof; for while he was making the protestation just mentioned to de Dénonville, he sent a force to plunder the settlement of the Baron de St. Castin at Pentagoët,³ and the Sedentary Fisheries established at Camceaux and Chedaboutou.⁴ It is true that he disavowed these enter-

¹ De Callières to Seignelay, Jan., 1689. N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 402; Canada Doc., I, iv., p. 113.

² *Ib.*, pp. 402, 404. Andros to Dénonville, Aug. 21, Sept. 29, 1688. Canada Doc., II, v., p. 505. Dénonville to Andros, Oct., 1688. N. Y. Col. Doc., iii., p. 567.

³ Andros went in person in the frigate *Rose*, Capt. George. Hutchinson's Collections, pp. 562-6; Williamson's *Maine*, I., p. 587; *Maine Hist. Coll.*, vi., p. 112; Dénonville, N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 396. Dénonville to Andros, *ib.*, iii., p. 568. This

opened Castin's war, which proved so destructive to New England. For an enumeration of the French then settled in Maine, see *Mass. Hist. Coll.*, iii., pp. 82-3.

⁴ Dénonville to Andros. N. Y. Col. Doc., iii., p. 571. Champigny to the Minister, Oct. 19. *Can. Doc.*, II, v., p. 560. A letter of Captain Nicholson, written at Boston, Aug. 31, 1688 (N. Y. Col. Doc., iii., p. 552), attributes this to one Peterson (the remainder of Yanekeys and Jacob's company, the two famous privateers of the West Indies). He sailed in a