

the state in which the major had put the place. That officer had ordered in a large number of settlers, who showed great confidence and resolution; and, although he had had only five days to work on the fortifications, there was not a weak spot in the town where he had not provided in a manner to relieve him from all fear of sudden attack.

The general also added some intrenchments, which he deemed necessary, and confirmed the judicious orders given by the major to the captains of the militia companies of Beaupré, Beauport, Isle Orleans, and the Côte de Lauson, which covered Quebec on the harbor side, not to leave their posts till they saw the enemy land and attack the main works of Quebec, in which case they were to hold themselves ready to march where summoned.<sup>1</sup>

Mr. de Longueil, eldest son of the Sieur le Moyne, had gone with a body of Huron and Abénaqui Indians to watch the movements of the fleet; all the advanced eminences down the river were well manned; the settlers everywhere evinced an earnest desire to do their duty; the English could not send a boat ashore without finding the bank lined with musketeers, who would at once force them to sheer off. Besides, there were constantly pouring into the city militia from Montreal and Three Rivers as full of good will as those from the vicinity of the Capital.<sup>2</sup>

On the 15th the Chevalier de Vaudreuil, commandant of the forces, set out early in the morning with a hundred men on a reconnoissance, prepared to engage the enemy, if he attempted a landing; but the Count de Frontenac expressly recommended to him not to lose sight of the enemy, and to report all their movements, a commission which he discharged perfectly.<sup>3</sup> To this precaution the

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<sup>1</sup> Frontenac to the Minister, Nov. 12, 1690. N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 459.

<sup>2</sup> De Monseignat, Relation, &c. N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 417. Le Clercq, ii., p. 417.

<sup>3</sup> Ib: Le Clercq, Etablissement de la Foi, ii., p. 416, says that De Villebon who had come through the woods to Quebec and aided to fortify it, accompanied this party of 120 men.