

up at the Sailor's Leap, and a third at the gate leading to the river St. Charles.¹ Finally, some small pieces of ordnance were planted around the upper town, and especially on the mound of a mill which served as a cavalier.²

On the 16th, at three o'clock in the morning, de Vaudreuil returned to Quebec, reporting that he had left the English fleet three leagues below the city, anchored at a place called l'Arbre-Sec—the Withered Tree, and in fact, as soon as day broke, it was perceived from the heights; it was composed of thirty-four sail of various sizes, and the rumor ran that it carried three thousand land troops. As it advanced the smaller craft ran along the Côte de Beauport, between Isle Orleans and the Little River, the rest keeping off; all came to anchor about ten o'clock, and at that moment a boat was seen leaving the flagship and steering for the city.⁴

That it bore a trumpeter no one doubted, as it carried a white flag at the bow. Frontenac sent an officer to meet it; he reached it halfway,⁵ bound the trumpeter's eyes and led him to the fort.⁶ Great was this man's surprise, when, on the removal of the bandage, he perceived the Governor-General, the Bishop, and Intendant in the

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The English fleet anchors before Quebec.

The English Admiral sends to summon the Governor-General.

¹ Now called Palace Gate. O'Callaghan, N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 485.

² De Monseignat, Relation, &c., N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 485. Le Clercq, Etablissement, ii., p. 420. This windmill hill was behind St. Louis Street and also called Mt. Carmel. O'Callaghan, N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 485. Ferland, Cours d'Histoire, ii., p. 220.

Mother Juchereau represents some of these defenses as vessels filled with stones, which, if struck by a cannon-ball, would have killed more than they defended. Histoire de l'Hotel Dieu, p. 319.

³ Phipps attempted to land at River Ouelle, but was repulsed by Rev. Mr. Francheville at the head of his parishioners Juchereau, Histoire de l'Hotel Dieu, p. 321. Le

Clercq, Etablissement, ii., p. 429, Langevin, Archives de N. D. de Beauport, p. 118.

⁴ Frontenac to the Minister, Nov. 12, 1690. N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 459. Canada Doc., II. v., 129. Account sent by the Fleur de Mai. Ib., p. 455. De Monseignat, Relation, &c., Ib., p. 485. Major Walley's Journal in the Expedition against Canada. Hutchinson's Hist. of Massachusetts, i., p. 471, says summons sent Oct. 6, O. S.

⁵ The French party went out in canoes and met Phipps' envoy on the water.

⁶ Mother Juchereau, Histoire de l'Hotel Dieu, p. 322-3 gives a humorous account of his passage through Quebec.