

1689. the same month of June ; but, as it had been resolved on several months before, the principal article of the instructions of which we are speaking concerned the plan proposed by the Chevalier de Callieres. It stated that the king had determined to accept the proposition of the Governor of Montreal, inasmuch as he was informed that for some years the English of New York had continued to excite the Iroquois nation, his Majesty's subjects, and force them to make war on the French, for this purpose furnishing them with arms and ammunition, and had sought, by all sorts of means, regardless of the prohibition of the King of England and the faith of the treaty, to usurp the commerce of the French in countries of which the latter had of all time been in possession. That, for all these reasons, his Majesty had ordered the Sieur Bégon, his intendant at Rochefort in the Pays d'Aunis and Saintonge, to prepare all necessary supplies, and had fitted out in the port of Rochefort two of his ships of the line, under the command of the Sieur de la Caffiniere, who was to obey exactly the orders of the Count de Frontenac.

Plan of this
enterprise.

That it was his intention that the said Count de Frontenac should set out as soon as possible, and embark on one of the ships commanded by the Sieur de la Caffiniere, to proceed first to the mouth of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, then to the Bay of Cameeaux, in Acadia ; that on arriving there he should pass to the best of the merchant ships that had followed him, in order to return to Quebec ; but that before parting with the Sieur de la Caffiniere, he ordered him to wait for information, and to seize all the enemy's ships that he might meet during his stay on the coast ; that for himself, as soon as time and opportunity permitted, and even, if possible, on entering the St. Lawrence river, he should detach the Chevalier de Callieres, in order that the latter might reach Quebec before him, and there make the necessary preparations for the enterprise against New York ; that he must especially take care to observe profound secrecy, and endeavor to cloak these