

preparations with such pretexts as he should deem most suitable and plausible. 1689.

That it was also most important to employ the greatest diligence, his Majesty being convinced that the enterprise could not be effected in any other season than autumn; that, accordingly, the Count de Frontenac, immediately after his arrival at Quebec, should set out with the batteaux and all the necessary crews, accompanied by the Chevalier de Callieres, who was to command the troops under him; that he should at the same time send his instructions in cypher to the Sieur de la Caffiniere, and recommend him to sail for Manhattan, without undertaking any thing on the way; to seize all the vessels he should find in the bay; but not to expose himself to any adventure that could incapacitate him from taking part in the enterprise in question.

That as it was impossible to fix a positive time when the Sieur de la Caffiniere and the Count de Frontenac should arrive together, each on his side, it was best for the former to sail straight into the Bay of Manhattan, the more especially as the attack on the first posts of New York would warn the capital, and thus the ships arriving there before the land forces would cause a useful diversion; that as the Count de Frontenac would have with him all the forces of New France, he should, before leaving Quebec, arrange with the Marquis de Dénonville the measures requisite to be adopted for the security of the colony against the incursions of the Iroquois, and give orders to the Chevalier de Vaudreuil, who was to command in the country during the expedition, after the departure of the Marquis de Dénonville, and whose instructions were to be drawn up by the two generals.

On the reduction of New York, the Count de Frontenac was to leave there the English Catholics who chose to remain, after assuring himself of their fidelity; allot to the French whom he should settle there, mechanics and other workpeople whom they might need; retain as prisoners

What was to be done after the conquest of that province.