

minds of the Indians, and the mortification of beholding the very head and centre of the colony become again the theatre of a war, where all was risked without any hope of gain, made those whom past experience alarmed for the future, desire to have all the forces of Canada assembled in order to go and make the cantons repent their not profiting by the inclination we had evinced to grant them a favorable peace; but the Count de Frontenac was not of this opinion.

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He made up his mind positively, that the best remedy for the dreaded evils, was to restore Fort Catarocouy, and he resolved to carry out this design, which he had never lost sight of a moment, since his return from France, whatever obstacles had to be overcome to effect it. No sooner did he avow this resolution, than Mr. de Champigny, and all persons in office, strongly represented to him the dangerous consequences which might result from an enterprise in which he alone saw advantages that no one was convinced of, adding that the regulars, and militia, who would have to be employed at it, would be much better employed in curbing the insolence of the Iroquois. They reminded him that the cantons having more than once asked the restoration of that post, it was not only granting them a favor that they did not deserve, but also receiving from them the law which they seemed disposed to impose on us by force of arms.

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These representations did not influence the General. He replied that if he stood alone in his opinion, he would follow it. He at once set out for Montreal, reaching it on the 8th of July, escorted by a hundred and ten Canadians from the districts of Quebec and Three Rivers. He raised also one hundred and fifty militia, from that of Montreal, two hundred soldiers, and as many Indians, with thirty-six officers, which made nearly 700, all picked men, who under the command of the Chevalier de Crisasy, selected by the General for this expedition, would have been enough to bring the Iroquois to their senses. The preparations were

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