

leather and wool might be derived from them, the vast plains which they inhabit being covered with the cattle already more than once described.¹ 1695.

Meanwhile the English, sure of the Iroquois and relieved from all fears as to New York, had once more made it their whole study to seduce from us the tribes in Acadia. Seven Abénaquis having gone to Pemkuit with a flag of truce were arrested: three were taken prisoners to Boston, and the four others were butchered on the way.² Phips had recently died in England,³ and no successor had been appointed. One Stoughton commanded in New England under a simple commission.⁴ From him the Abénaquis demanded their counrymen arrested against the law of nations, and the flag which should have proved a safeguard; he replied only by furious reproaches as to their last hostilities, and he added the most terrible threats, if they did not surrender all those concerned in them.

Treachery used by the English towards the Abénaquis.

They replied in a similar tone;⁵ nevertheless both sides grew calmer; Stoughton not wishing to exasperate

¹ Le Sueur went up to the Sioux country from Louisiana, in 1699-1700. La Harpe, *Journal Historique*, p. 38, *Early Voyages up and down the Mississippi*, p. 89; Penicaut, *Relation*, MSS., ch. ii., § 4, ch. iii., § 1, 2. Le Sueur was a kinsman of d'Iberville, and was at Chegoimegon in 1693. He returned to France in 1703, and died on his way back to Louisiana, La Harpe, p. 21. Father Guignas accompanied another French party to the Sioux country in 1728. *Early Voyages*, p. 167.

The extended use of wool of the bison was also one of La Salle's projects.

² They were killed at Saco. *Relation*, &c., 1694-5. N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 613; De la Potherie, *Histoire de l'Amérique Sept.*, iv., p. 39-40.

³ He died Feb. 18, 1695. Hutchinson, *Hist. Massachusetts*, ii., p. 81, cites a letter of John Pike to the Governor, Pemaquid, Jan. 7, 1694, (75) narrating the seizure of Boma-zeen and others at Pemaquid soon after the affairs at Groton and Oyster river. Hutchinson says he could find nothing as to any killed at Saco.

⁴ William Stoughton, son of Col. Israel Stoughton, commander in the Pequot war. He was a graduate of Harvard, and was a clergyman in England. He came to New England in 1662, and became a magistrate, councillor, chief justice, and in 1692 lieutenant-governor, administering as such from 1694 to 1699. He died July 7, 1701.

⁵ See this correspondence, N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 614; De la Potherie, *ibid.*, p. 40-2, Jan. 21, 1695.