

## BOOK XVI.

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THE Count de Frontenac having expressed his determination to penetrate with all his forces into the very heart of Iroquois country, there were several opinions as to the course to be adopted to ensure the success of so desired an expedition, and from which nothing less was expected than the end of a war which had several times brought the colony to the verge of ruin, which prevented its progress, and by favor of which the English considerably increased their commerce and established themselves powerfully on the continent of North America.

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They did not agree even as to the time to be selected for undertaking it. Many wished to swoop down on the canton of Onondaga with all the forces of the colony during the winter, in order to have all leisure completely to destroy in a single campaign all the other cantons; but the Chevalier de Callieres was not of this opinion. He declared to the General that he could not find men enough to march in snow-shoes, carry and draw ammunition and stores so far, and storm a town in the very heart of the enemy's country, where the Iroquois could easily rally in a short time all their warriors, and so intrench themselves as to keep the French army at bay for a long time.

Various opinions as to the Expedition against the Iroquois.

He added that even should their intrenchments be stormed, they could easily lay ambuscades everywhere