

1696. erations of the campaign, the preparations for which were already far advanced; and when all had been concerted, he returned to Montreal to carry out what had been decided. On the 22d of June the Governor General joined him there, attended by Mr. de Champigny, the Chevalier de Vaudreuil, Mr. de Ramesay, Governor of Three Rivers, and the regulars and militia of the districts of Quebec and Three Rivers. Those of the district of Montreal were already assembled, and naught remained but to begin the march.<sup>1</sup>

Preparations for the coming campaign.

On the 4th of July<sup>2</sup> ten Ottawas arrived at Montreal from the neighborhood of Onondaga, where they had long prowled without succeeding in taking a prisoner. At last, learning that a large party was forming to attack them, they retired to Catarocouy.

Arrangement of the Army.

On learning there from the Sieur des Jordis, the Commandant, that all the French were on the point of taking the field, with the Count de Frontenac at their head, they declared that they would be enraptured to follow him. They accordingly came to offer him their services, and were the more readily accepted, as it was hoped that they would attract many of their countrymen.<sup>3</sup> They had met the General at la Chine, to which the army moved the same day. There, five hundred Indians also came in. These were divided into two detachments, one under Captain de Maricourt, composed of Sault St. Louis Iroquois and domiciliated Abénaquis: the other, which included the Hurons of Lorette, and the Iroquois of the Mountain, was commanded by two brothers, Lieutenant de Beauvais and Lieutenant le Gardeurs.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Relation, &c., 1695-6, N. Y. Col. Doc. ix., p. 642-4, De la Potherie, Histoire de l'Amérique Sept., iii. p. 256, 260.

<sup>2</sup> De la Potherie, iii., p. 272, gives the 14th, but is clearly wrong. See N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 649.

<sup>3</sup> Relation, &c., N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 459. De la Potherie, Hist. &c., iii., p. 272.

<sup>4</sup> In the Index they are given as de Tilly de Beauvais, and de Tilly le Gardeur. De la Potherie, Histoire de l'Amérique Sept., iii., p. 272, corresponds with the text, but the Relation 1695-6, in N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 650, mentions only one, Gardeur de Beauvaire. According to Daniel, Nos Gloires i., p. 158, ii., p. 81, René le Gardeur de Beauvais, son