

1702.

in that part of America, when they have not the Cantons on their side.<sup>1</sup>

English  
hostilities.

De Callieres, assured of the Iroquois at the very time that he learned that war had been declared between France and England,<sup>2</sup> had scarce a doubt that the first efforts of the English in America would be directed against Acadia or Newfoundland, and his conjecture proved true. He was soon informed that the enemy menaced Placentia; but he soon after had intelligence of the miscarriage of the project, which resulted only in plundering and burning some fishing smacks.

Acadia, less fortified than Placentia, more difficult to guard and nearer New England, gave him more uneasiness, as it was not easy to send the aid which it needed extremely. But his dispatches, received at this juncture from the French court, delivered him from this embarrassment at least for some time. He was informed that the solid establishment of that colony was much discussed, and that they were devising means for considerably increasing the population.

Various  
ineffectual  
projects for  
Acadia.

This was really so, and the matter seemed so serious to the bishop of Quebec, who was then in France, that he felt bound to take steps to establish in Acadia a body of ecclesiastics, who could supply clergymen for all the posts intended to be settled, so as not to be under the necessity of drawing any from Canada,\* where there were none to spare. He first fixed on the Benedictines of St. Maur, but the General of that Congregation did not enter into his views. He then negotiated with the Premonstratensians, and applied to the Regular Abbot of St. André aux Bois in Picardy. He found a man well-disposed to do all he desired, so far as even to wish to devote himself to the

<sup>1</sup> In 1702 Champigny returned to France, and de Beauharnois became Intendant, April, 1, 1703, and arrived Aug. 29. *Edits et Ordonances*, iii. p. 56. Juchereau, *Histoire de l'Hotel Dieu*, p. 403. The following winter the small pox

raged terribly, having been brought from Albany by an Indian. The deaths in Quebec amounted to 2000, *Ib.* p. 404.

<sup>2</sup> Queen Anne declared war against France and Spain, May 4, 1702.