

1703. assured that I will perish sooner than suffer them to leave my canton." He confirmed this promise by a second belt, and presented a third, to have Joncaire go and winter with him.

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De Vaudreuil of course had no idea of refusing what he desired more than the envoy did, and Joncaire set out with him. Soon after Teganissorens arrived at Montreal, and in the audience given him by the Governor-General, he began by displaying a bad temper, which gave no good omen of the object of his coming. "Europeans," he said, "have an ill-formed mind; they make peace, and then for a mere nothing seize the hatchet again. We do not act so; we require strong reasons to break a treaty that we have signed." He then declared that his canton would take no part for either side in a war which it disapproved. This was all de Vaudreuil wished, as he convinced Teganissorens, and to deprive the Iroquois of every pretext for violating a neutrality so beneficial to the colony, he resolved to send out no parties against the English in New York. He held this up to Teganissorens as a meritorious act, and on his side the chief pledged his word to retain the missionaries who were in his canton.¹

Expedition
into New
England.

At Boston they sought to take the same steps to gain the Abénaqui nations that the Commandant-General had taken to induce the Iroquois to remain neutral: but they undertook it too late.² De Vaudreuil formed a party of these Indians, adding some Frenchmen under the command of the Sieur de Beaubassin,³ lieutenant, and sent them to New England. They committed some few unim-

¹ Vaudreuil to Pontchartrain, Nov. 14; 1703. N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 743. Speech, *ib.* p. 747. Smith's New York, 4to, p. 108.

² For some French notices of the Negotiations, see J. Bigot, Relation de la Mission Abénaquise, 1703, p. 21. The Eastern tribes met Gov. Dudley at Casco, June 20. Penhalow's Indian Wars, p. 18; but the plunder of young Castine's settle-

ment at Penobscot precipitated the war. Williamson's Maine, ii., pp. 41-2. New Hampshire Hist. Coll., II., p. 236.

³ La Valliere Sieur de Beaubassin was a son of la Valliere, Capt. of a detachment of the Marine and of Frontenac's guards: he had served against the Iroquois. N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., pp. 535, 602; on the Bouffonne. *ib.* 643.