

1704.

Schuiller Governor of Orange, was using every exertion to bring the Cantons to a rupture with us, and this last act of hostility, committed on our territory and in our sight, more than sufficed to bring them to it.

Schuiller carried his views further: he formed the design of drawing to his province the Iroquois Christians domiciliated among us, and he succeeded in shaking several, who induced the chiefs to promise a conference with him. In vain, de Ramezay, Governor of Montreal, used every exertion to defeat this step; he would have had the mortification of seeing them set out for that conference, had not some Abénaquis who chanced to be at Montreal, shamed them out of a course so unbecoming in Christians and so dangerous to themselves.

English intrigues among the Iroquois.

Affairs in the cantons did not occupy the General less than the movements and intrigues just mentioned. Joncaire, whom he had again dispatched to Tsononthouan, (Seneca,) with Father le Vaillant, reported that the Governor of Orange, (Albany,) had convoked a general assembly of the whole nation at Onondaga, and wished at any rate to compel the Cantons, 1st, to expel the missionaries; 2nd, to prevent the Abénaquis from continuing their hostilities; 3d, to dismiss the Mohegans who had recently settled in the Mohawk canton, and force them to return to their old residence near Orange; 4th, to give passage through their territory to the upper nations to come and trade in the English colonies.<sup>1</sup>

The Detroit Indians ill-disposed.

He at the same time learned that some Detroit Indians had gone to Albany and been very cordially received, and that others had even set fire to the fort at Detroit,<sup>2</sup> which

<sup>1</sup> De Vaudreuil to Pontchartrain, Nov. 16, 1704. N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 764. *Ib.*, iv., p. 1163.

<sup>2</sup> Same to same, Nov. 19, 1705. N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 766.

<sup>3</sup> A barn between two bastions was set on fire; the Church, with the houses of Messrs. Cadillac and Tonti and of the Recollects were consumed. La Motte Cadillac in Shel-

don's Michigan, p. 194-5. Sheldon supposes this to be notes of an interview between Cadillac and Count Pontchartrain at Quebec; but it is merely imaginary. Pontchartrain was never in Canada, and Cadillac did not go to France at this time. There are facts in the document, but it is chiefly an attack on Vaudreuil, the Company, Tonti, Vincennes,