

1705. swered. He then spoke of business, and de Vaudreuil told him that he did not refuse to treat with his master, but that he would lay his conditions before him by one of his officers.<sup>1</sup>

He selected for this purpose, the *Sieur de Courtemanche*, who accompanied the English envoy to Boston, and the first of these conditions was that no English prisoner should be restored, till all the French and Indian allies of the French who were in New England prisons, had been placed in the hands of the Governor of Acadia, and security given for the liberation of those transported to Europe or the West Indies. I cannot ascertain what the other conditions were. To all appearance Dudley had no intention of concluding matters; he prolonged the negotiation and at last declared that he could decide nothing without the consent of the Governors of the English colonies, and de Vaudreuil determined to recommence hostilities in New England. Men were somewhat surprised that he should be the last to see what was apparent to all, that their only object had been to delude him. He was especially blamed for permitting the son of the English General to remain some time at Quebec under pretext of concluding the treaty, and a brigantine of the same nation to ascend and descend the *St. Lawrence*. As I arrived about this very time at Quebec, I heard many officers murmur at his thus giving the English leisure to study the more difficult points on the river, and so depriving New France of what constituted its principal strength. Some even assured me, that they had surprised persons in the suite of the younger Dudley observing and measuring the fortifications of Quebec.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Beauharnois returned to France in 1705 on the *Heros*, and was succeeded as *Intendant*, by *Raudot*. *Juchereau*, *Histoire de l'Hotel Dieu*, p. 421. *Edits et Ordonnances*, (Commission, Jan. 1, 1705.) iii., p. 60. The Seminary was again burned this same year.

<sup>2</sup> This was one of *Vetch's* schemes to study the *St. Lawrence*, but not his first, see ante p. 155. *O'Callaghan's Colonial Tracts*, I. *Voyage of the Sloop Mary*, 1701, p. xiv. On this occasion he boasted that he knew the river better than the people living there.