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bec, who had carried his humanity so far as to carry the daughter of the King's Lieutenant at Hewreuil, a good part of the way, the girl being almost unable to walk.<sup>1</sup>

The inaction of the English youth, much more numerous than the French, surprised men in Canada, and one of the prisoners was asked the reason. His answer revealed the true cause of the remissness of the Iroquois led by la Perriere on the last expedition. This man said that it was not the fault of the young men of his nation that they had not raised war-parties against the French this year: that more than five hundred of the most alert had asked and obtained leave of the Governor-General of New England, but that as they were on the point of marching, they received counter orders in consequence of a letter from the Governor of Albany to his General.<sup>2</sup>

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In this letter he added, the Governor stated that he had just gained control of the Christian Iroquois, who had assured him that no Indian would ever again take the warpath against the English: that it was thus useless to go to any expense to attack the French, who, reduced to their own forces, were in no position to undertake anything, so that they might rest assured that the English colonies would henceforth enjoy perfect tranquillity, which was all they desired.

This same prisoner also said that it was believed at Hewreuil (Haverhill) and in all the cantons, that the party that laid waste that village was merely a detachment from a force of sixteen hundred men, of which the main body was not far off: that the same thing was said at Boston, and that throughout New England they were constantly under arms, which exhausted the people greatly.<sup>2</sup> It was ascertained from another prisoner, that the Governor of Albany had recently made considerable presents to the Christian Iroquois.

These Indians were extremely mortified to see them-

<sup>1</sup> Vaudreuil and Raudot, Nov. 14, 1708, Canada Doc., II. xi., p. 70. <sup>2</sup> *Ib.*, and Compare Examination of Ensign Samuel Whiting, June 2,

<sup>2</sup> Vaudreuil to Pontchartrain, Nov. 1709. N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 835, 12, 1708. N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 817. also *Ib.* pp. 833-4.