

1709. were strongly urged to declare against us, and that one of these Indians, of great influence in that same canton, was the secret author of this intrigue; but this information found no credence with de Vaudreuil, over-prejudiced in favor of the perfidious Iroquois.

The cantons declare against us.

Meanwhile the treaty was concluded at Onondaga itself, only the Senecas declining to enter it, and the war-song was chanted in the other four cantons. A relative of the Governor of Albany gave early notice to Father de Mareuil, already in receipt of orders from his Superior to leave Onondaga; but that missionary, unable to return to Canada, as the roads were already beset by war-parties, was compelled to accept the offers of the Hollander just mentioned, who offered him a shelter at Albany. He was there detained as a prisoner; but with this exception had every reason to praise the Governor, who welcomed him cordially and treated him with great regard.

Exertions of de Vaudreuil.

He was then summoned to Manhatte, (New York,) and wherever he passed, witnessed the English preparations for the Chambly expedition. De Vaudreuil soon received positive information, which forced him to go to Montreal in January,¹ after giving orders to put the capital in a defensive position, and to hold the regulars and militia ready to march at the first signal. He at the same time raised a party of two hundred and fifty men, which he sent towards Lake Champlain under the command of de Rouville; but that officer, hearing nothing of the enemy, and having no orders to go further, returned to Montreal without doing anything.²

¹ N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 824.

² Vaudreuil alludes to Rouville's and de la Perrière's scout. N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 830. They subsequently struck off towards the Connecticut, and on the 23d June, 1709, O. S., attacked Deerfield. *Ib.* 831. Their force was 180 men. Penhalow's Indian Wars, p. 56. Hutchinson, ii., p. 163. N. H. Hist. Coll., i.

p. . On the way, an Iroquois, Ti connondadiha, deserted and reached Albany. See his examination. N. Y. Col. Doc., v., p. 86. June 22.

Vaudreuil experienced in his domestic circle the accidents of war: his wife having been captured at sea by the English in 1709. Juchereau, *Histoire de l'Hotel Dieu.*, p. 455.