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De Ramezay marches against them.

On this intelligence de Vaudreuil assembled a great council of war, in which it was decided to march at once on New York, to scatter the tempest gathering there, so that the colony, relieved in that direction, might collect all its forces against the English fleet if it came to Quebec. There was apparently not a moment to lose to carry out this plan, and de Ramezay, Governor of Montreal, offered to execute it. His offer was not accepted at first, apparently from no other reason than the want of harmony between him and the Governor-General. De Vaudreuil merely detached Captain de Sabrevois, with thirty men, to proceed to meet Rouville, not yet returned, and cover his retreat.

Two months later, as no one doubted but that the English were on the march with a large Iroquois and Mohegan force, and news came that they had thrown up several forts at intervals between Orange, (Albany,) and Lake St. Sacrement, (George); de Vaudreuil at last yielded to the entreaties of the Governor of Montreal, assigning him fifteen hundred men, one hundred soldiers, the rest militia and Indians. Several officers volunteered to go, most of them already distinguished on various occasions, but they did not on this occasion do all expected of them.<sup>2</sup>

The expedition fails to succeed. Why?

All being thus arranged, the General went down to Quebec<sup>3</sup> to urge on the works in progress according to his orders, and to detain there all the ships that might come from France, to use them if necessary. On the 28th of July, de Ramezay left Montreal, his van, under Captain de Montigny, composed of fifty French and two hundred Abénaquis, and supported by Rouville with a hundred Canadians. After them came a hundred soldiers of the King's troops under de la Chassaigne.<sup>4</sup> The Governor of Montreal followed, at the head of five hundred Canadians in five companies, commanded by de St. Martin, des Jor-

<sup>1</sup> N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 833.

<sup>3</sup> N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 840.

<sup>2</sup> For Vaudreuil's account of his

action, see N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 830.

<sup>4</sup> See ante iv., p. 142, v., p. 59; Daniel, Nos Gloires, ii., p. 293.

Ib. 839. Ferland, ii., p. 373-4.