

dis, de Sabrevois,<sup>1</sup> de Lignery and des Chaillons. The Christian Iroquois formed the rear, commanded by Joncaire. Some Ottawas and Nipissings were on the flanks. 1710.

The army marched forty leagues in three days, constantly observing the disposition just described; and there is no doubt that had they pushed on to the enemy's camp, they would have made short work of it; but the want of concert between the officers and the commandant, and the lack of subordination in the troops, which is a necessary consequence, and the erroneous information given to de Ramezay, defeated an expedition, the success of which seemed inevitable. After routing a detachment of one hundred and seventeen men, who had advanced too far, the commander of which was killed, a rumor spread that a corps of about five thousand men was not far off, well intrenched.<sup>2</sup>

The Indians at the same time advised against any further advance, thinking it better to go and defend the advanced posts rather than to go so far in search of an enemy who had such leisure to fortify his camp well, and who could still be reinforced by all the young men of Albany and Schenectady. On this a council of war was held, and it was unanimously resolved to retire. The Governor of Montreal was forced to yield to this deliberation; brought to this decision less by the orders he had received not to expose himself to a general action unless forced to it, than by fear of not being supported by all who were under his orders.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Charlevoix, Journal, p. 150, calls him a good officer, of one of the first houses in Beauce. Jacques Charles de Sabrevois came over a lieutenant in de Muy's company, was made Knight of St. Louis in 1718, and died at Montreal, of which he was major, in 1727, aged 60. Daniel, i., pp. 128-9.

<sup>2</sup> De Ramezay to M. de Vaudreuil, Oct. 19, 1709; N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 839. The French also encountered Capt. Wright's party from Nor-

thampton, Lieut. John Wells was killed and William Moody taken. Penhallow, p. 56.

<sup>3</sup> This affair took place near Crown Point. N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., pp. 830, 841. Ramezay's scouting party, led by his nephew, was discovered by the New York troops. He landed and attacked them as they passed, killing 30. Canada Doc., II. ii., p. 307. Smith, History of New York, p. 120, is silent as to the affair. This expedition against Canada