

He at the same time appointed provisionally, and till he received the orders he had solicited from the Court, the Baron de St. Castin, already Commandant at Pentagoët, his Lieutenant in Acadia, and sent him instructions to retain the King's subjects remaining in that country, in the obedience due his Majesty.<sup>1</sup> These inhabitants had deputed to him the Sieur de Clignancourt, with a letter signed by the most influential among them, in which they complained greatly of the harsh treatment they received from Sieur Vesche, who commanded at Port Royal, and begged him to obtain them some relief and some comfort.<sup>2</sup>

1710.

The Baron  
de St.  
Castin  
Command-  
ant in  
Acadia.

The General at the same time learned that the Indians bordering on Acadia seemed somewhat cooled towards us since the capture of Port Royal; that the English kept incessantly repeating that they would not halt in such a fine road, and that the reduction of the rest of New France would not cost them much more than that of Acadia.

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that part  
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towards us.

This intelligence induced the Governor-General to dispatch two Frenchmen and two Indians over the snow with letters for the missionaries in those parts, exhorting them to redoubled zeal to retain their neophytes in our alliance, and he instructed these same envoys to visit all the French settlements in Acadia, ascertain the exact disposition of the inhabitants, and assure them that impossibilities would be done to prevent their being in want of anything.<sup>3</sup>

The  
Acadians  
visited by  
Vaudreuil's  
orders.

News also came that the Governor of New York was redoubling his efforts to induce the Iroquois cantons to join an offensive league against us, and fear of having these Indians upon us at a time when we were menaced with an attack by all the forces of the English, produced a great impression on the colonists, already intimidated by

Various  
other  
precautions  
taken by  
him.

p. 285. Dupuy was son of Paul Dupuy, lieutenant-particulier de Quebec. (Ante, iv., p. 182.) Paul died Sept. 20, 1713. Juchereau, p. 570. His two sons died in 1714 and 1716: his daughters became nuns.

<sup>1</sup> N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 854. Nomination du Sieur Baron de St. Castin, Commandant de Pentagoët &c., Jan'y 1, 1711. Canada Doc.,

III. ii., p. 883. Evidently Baron Anselm, the son.

<sup>2</sup> Copie d'une lettre des principaux habitants de Port Royal, Nov. 13, 1710. Ib. p. 879. Murdoch, i., p. 321.

<sup>3</sup> N. Y. Col. Doc., x., p. 854. Lettre de Christophe Cahouet, July 20, 1711. Canada Doc., III. ii., p. 887. Murdoch, i., p. 323.