

would at last sink under the great efforts their enemies were preparing to make on all sides to crush them.<sup>1</sup>

1710.

Great preparations were in fact making at Albany. They even detained in that city, three Frenchmen, sent by de Vaudreuil to take home an Englishman to whom he gave liberty on his parole, and Major Levingston's servant, left sick at Quebec. The pretext under which the detention of these three men was colored, was, that they did not wish what was going on in that province to be known in the French colony. For the same reason the English prisoner was retained: and this conduct greatly perplexed the Governor-General.

Preparations of the English of New York.

He was even soon informed by an Indian, in detail, as to the preparations on foot in New York; and he ordered the Sieur de Beaucourt to hasten the operations in hand at Quebec.<sup>2</sup> He also dispatched orders in all directions to hold the regulars and militia ready to march at the first signal. The exchange of prisoners was no longer alluded to, Dudley and Nicholson refusing to listen to it, except on the conditions first proposed by the former.<sup>3</sup>

At this juncture, St. Pierre,<sup>4</sup> Tonty, and the others who had been sent to the Upper Nations, arrived at Montreal with four or five hundred Indians, and as the Iroquois deputies just mentioned had not yet started, the Governor-General seized the opportunity to settle a difference which had subsisted for several years between the cantons

Arrival of the Upper Indians.

<sup>1</sup> Vaudreuil to Pontchartrain, April 25, 1711. N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 855. Costebelle to same, July 24, 1711, in Walker's Journal, p. 286.

<sup>2</sup> Vaudreuil to same, Oct. 25, 1711. N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., pp. 857-8.

<sup>3</sup> Michael Begon became Intendant in 1710, but his commission was not registered at Quebec till Oct. 12, 1712. Arrets et Ordonnances, iii., p. 63. Smith's History of Canada, i., p. 169.

<sup>4</sup> Le Gardeur de St. Pierre, called in Charlevoix's Index, de Tilly, was, however, of the Repentigny branch,

son of John Baptist, a son of Peter le Gardeur, Sieur de Repentigny, founder of the family in Canada. Daniel, i., p. 163. St. Pierre was lieutenant in 1688. *Ib.*, ii., p. 282: at Fort Frontenac in 1689. N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 436. Frequently in command in the west. *Ib.* pp. 537, 602. Ante, iv., p. 28. In a list of officers in 1732, he does not appear, although one of the name, probably a son, is given as an ensign. This latter is the St. Pierre of the Chickasaw war, the Ohio and Lake George.