

que, which arrived at Placentia on the 8th of July,<sup>1</sup> and which, approaching it closely, had counted thirty-five sail.

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The English prisoner also said that a body of two thousand men was assembling at Manhatte, (New York), composed of New York militia and Indians of that province, and that the Queen of England was bent on having Canada that year. These tidings were soon after confirmed by an Onondaga, dispatched to de Vaudreuil by Teganissorens, to inform him that the English fleet had left Boston; that there were two hundred batteaux ready at Orange, (Albany); that a hundred more were expected, and that Abraham Schuiler, brother of the Governor of Albany, had visited all the cantons to urge them to take up arms against the French.

The first thing the Governor-General did on receiving this intelligence, was to convene the Iroquois delegates brought from Onondaga and Seneca by the Baron de Longueuil and Joncaire, and lay before them the intelligence sent by Teganissorens. He told them, that as the Dutch had declared against him in spite of their oft-repeated promises to observe the neutrality, and his acts of consideration towards them, he could not avoid sending war-parties towards Albany, but that they need not take alarm.<sup>2</sup>

De  
Vaudreuil's  
address to  
the  
Iroquois  
deputies.

He then restored them some Iroquois taken from the hands of the Ouyatanons, (Weas,) and added, that it depended solely on them to remain calmly on their mats, as they had promised him; that they should remember the treaty of peace so authentically sworn to under his predecessor, among all the nations; that they could not but do the French the justice of having hitherto scrupulously observed all the conditions, and that it was still more for their interest than for his, to accept the course he proposed.

The next day he gave a great war-banquet, to which he invited all the domiciliated Indians, and all his allies who had come down to Montreal. Seven or eight hundred warriors assembled, and Joncaire and la Chauvignerie

<sup>1</sup> De Costebelle says 13th.

<sup>2</sup> Vaudreuil to Pontchartrain. N. Y. Col.Doc., ix., p. 859.