

1713-22. and since the loss of Acadia, he was the King's commandant in their country. He had, moreover, since his father's decease, succeeded to the general command conferred on St. Castin by all those tribes when he allied himself to them; and in this capacity he had attended the conference proposed by the Governor-General of New England.

This the English made a crime: they sent a vessel towards the place of his residence, which was on the sea-shore; and the captain, having taken the precaution to show only two or three men on his deck, as soon as he cast anchor, sent an invitation to the Baron to take some refreshments on board. The Baron, having no reason to suspect this officer, whom he knew intimately, went aboard alone, and as soon as he reached the vessel, the captain hoisted sail and took him to Boston, in the month of December, 1721.¹ There he was placed in the dock and examined as a criminal. Among other things, he was asked why, and in what capacity he had gone to the place appointed for the conference between the Governor-General and the Abénaquis; whether he had not been deputed by the Marquis de Vaudreuil, and what was meant by the uniform he wore.

He replied that he was an Abénaqui on his mother's side, that he had spent his whole life with those Indians, who had made him chief and commandant-general of their nation; and that in that capacity he did not consider that he could refrain from attending a meeting where the interests of his brethren were to be discussed; that he had received no orders from the Governor-General of New France, and that the dress he wore was not a uniform, but one becoming his birth and rank, having the honor to be an officer in the troops of the Most Christian King, his sovereign.²

¹ Late in December, 1721, or early in Jan'y, 1722. *Male*.

² This was evidently Anselm, Baron de St. Castin, son of Baron John Vincent, by Matilda, daughter of Madockawando. In spite of his

half-Indian blood, he married Charlotte d'Amours, daughter of a French officer, in 1707. *Bangor Centennial*, p. 25. Vaudreuil had made him commandant at Pentagoët, with the rank of lieutenant en pied, January