

ABENAKIS SAVAGES.

THE letters from Messieurs de Ramezay and Begon³ show that the english do everything in their power to win over the Abenakis savages.

Three villages of these savages are situated in Acadia, very near the English, who carry on the fur trade with them as far as they can.

The cheapness with which the english sell their goods is a powerful attraction for them. These savages have Missionaries, who, as much as they can, maintain them in our interest; it is therefore important to keep the missionaries there, and it is those savages who best know Canada and New England. Hitherto they have been very faithful, and have rendered good service. They are all baptized. There are also two missions of them established in the colony of Canada—one at St. François, and the other at Bécancourt.

Monsieur Begon Writes on the 25th of September, 1715, that the mission of these savages established at the river St. John, in the country of Acadia, ask that a church be built for them.

That he, like their missionary, is convinced that it would be a very strong inducement to attach them to their village and so long as they remain in it, they will not allow the english to establish themselves on that river—or even at its mouth, where they had already attempted to do so. He says that the savages have raised a fund for that church; but that, in order to carry out the annexed plan, which has been sent him by their missionary, a sum of 1,200 livres would be required, payable in two years.

The mission of the Abenakis of Norankouan, a