

desired to speak to Sieur de Ramezay, in the absence of Monsieur de Vaudreuil; but, on learning that the former was at Québec, and being in haste to go back, he postponed the execution of his design until Monsieur de Vaudreuil's return.

As it would be a great disadvantage if that village were reëstablished, because this could not be done without diminishing the number of the Abenakis settled in the colony, they agreed with Father Aubry that Sieur de Ramezay should at once send a collar to the chief of the Abenakis. This was to represent to him that in the proposed reëstablishment he would be exposed to the mercy of the english at the first suspicion of war, as he would be only two or three days' journey from the english towns, the roads leading to which would be very easy; while, on the other hand, the roads would be very difficult for the French, should the latter go to their assistance in the event of the english undertaking anything against them.

*That by continuing* to reside at St. François he would derive the same advantages from his former country as if he reëstablished his village there; for he could go thither to hunt almost as easily as if he lived there.

*That it would be* impossible for him to make his village there as large as it formerly was, and as it should be in order to maintain himself there alone; because many of the people of his former village are scattered in various missions, and a great number of them have died.

*In reality*, this chief's proposal has produced an impression on the minds of some savages, who would follow him if he took that step; but it would