

That the English told him they were fitting out a fleet large enough to cover the entire sea, and that the few ships the King of France had, would not dare make their appearance lest they should be all captured.

That all sale of ammunition to the Indians settled in Canada has been prohibited in that town, as well as repairing their arms.

That there is at Sarastau¹ a garrisoned fort of the same size as that at La Prairie de la Madeleine, furnished with a building in each bastion for the accommodation of the inhabitants in case of necessity.

That each of the merchants of the town is in turn obliged to be on guard through the night.

That six Mohawks, three Dutchmen, and two Mohegans (*Loups*) came some twelve days ago to Fort St Frederic, to see what was going on there; that he saw and spoke to two Englishmen and one *Loup* at the River au , who were there for that purpose.

That the Indians whose effects have been seized at Fort St Frederic, told the English to distrust Tecanacoassin, and that he was a spy.

That the Five Nations were under arms; on the two Mohawks who had come to Sault St Louis having been notified by Néraguindiac, Tagocariache and Acouiresheche, Indians of that place, to withdraw forthwith lest they may be made prisoners of war, as such was Oaontio's pleasure, it led them to say, that they saw clearly their Father was angry with them, since he did not send back their son Joncaire, as that alone could tranquilize them.

That there is at Choueghen, exclusive of the garrison, one hundred militia under the command of a Captain.

That a Mohawk squaw, his relative, had told him, should Nitachinon (that is Sieur de Joncaire) return to the Senecas, all will be changed, and we shall be satisfied.

That an Abenaki of Misiskoui had seen in the Grand Marais² of the Little falls, three River Indians who had been sent from Orange to examine whether any persons were hunting, as should he not discover any, it would be a proof that all the Nations would be under arms to wage war against them; that the Abenaki told them to go themselves and find those who were hunting, which induced them to return.

He says that he also had seen these three scouts, and assures that he is ready to go wherever he will be sent, and to strike a blow, with his hatchet only in his hand, as he has no gun.

That he requests Father Oaontio to remember him, and to be persuaded that he hath seen all he has just related.

Intelligence communicated to M^r de Beaujours by Néraguindiac, a Chief belonging to the Sault St. Louis. 21 October, 1744.

That a canoe of the Sault St Louis passing, on its return from Orange, through the Lake called Tiondiondoguin, was stopped by some Oaieida Chiefs who prevailed on them to tarry for the purpose of learning the truth of the current rumors, viz: that Lake Ontario, from the Isle aux Galots to the Count's river, was covered with Frenchmen and Indians on their way to besiege Choueghen.

¹ Saratoga.

² Now called the Twelve Mile Marsh, which extends from Whitehall north half way to Tloonderoga. *Fitch's Topography of Washington County*, N. Y. — Ed.