

Hence proceeded those devastations already mentioned, which drew from the Governor of Quebec a sort of remonstrance, addressed to our commanding officer, with a menace to this effect. “ That if the English did not
 “ desist from burning and destroying
 “ the country, he would give up all the
 “ English prisoners in his power to the
 “ mercy of the Indian savages.”—To this threat, our spirited commander is said to have sent a reply to the following purport.—“ That his Excellency could not be unapprized of his having in his possession a considerable number of fair hostages : that as to the prisoners he might do as he pleased ; but, at the same time, he might be assured, that the very instant he attempted to carry
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