

dreuil himself died in the October following, greatly lamented by the whole colony, and was succeeded in his government by the chevalier De Beauharnois, who had none of his predecessor's difficulties to struggle with; and nothing occurs remarkable in the history of Canada, but that, by the tranquillity it enjoyed, for some time, its French inhabitants amounted to above seventy thousand. In the year 1746, the encroachments they made upon the undoubted property of the English in America, had awakened our government to a sense of its danger. A British secretary of state, by order of his majesty, required all the British governors in North America, to raise as many independent companies as they could, of a hundred men each. Those of New York, New Jerseys, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia, were to be formed into one corps, under the command of brigadier Gooch, lieutenant-governor of Virginia. The colonies were to furnish levy-money and victualling; but his majesty was to be at the charge of arming, paying, and cloathing those troops. Those vast preparations in America, which were to be seconded by a suitable armament from Europe, were destined for the reduction of Canada; and the whole was to be under the command of general Sinclair. The English colonies, therefore, proceeded with their levies. Virginia sent two companies, Maryland three, Pennsylvania four, the Jerseys five, and New York fifteen; all to be under the command of Gooch; and first to reduce Crown