

after a fruitless search, but the next trouble was to screen them from the wounded savages in the Hospital. This they accomplished by vesting them in the cloak and hood of the Sisterhood, thus smuggling them through the wards. One day, however, while the Sisters were stealthily conducting an English soldier, in his grey costume, an Indian small-pox patient discovered the benevolent cheat, by his keenness of scent, and starting in hot pursuit was with difficulty restrained. On another occasion, while Mde d'Youville was sitting alone in the Community room busily occupied preparing a large tent, a door leading from the grounds was suddenly thrown open and a young soldier burst in with terror depicted on every feature. Mde d'Youville knew at a glance that he was pursued, and hastily raising the ample folds of linen that lay at her feet, she made him sign to crouch underneath. Hardly had he done so when a furious savage, with tomahawk raised, rushed into the apartment. Mde d'Youville quietly pointed to an opposite door, which happened to be open, and the Indian mistaking the sign, and thinking his victim had gone that way, started in hot pursuit, to continue elsewhere his fruitless search. Many were saved through the bravery and presence of mind of this admirable woman.

During the month of August 1760, alarming reports circulated amongst the citizens of Villemarie, that three divisions of the enemy's army were rapidly approaching. These reports were confirmed on the 6th of September by the appearance of the Division from Lake Ontario and the arrival of the two others the next day. Montreal was now invested by an army of 32,000 English soldiers and their Indian allies. The beleaguered city was ill prepared to resist so formidable an army, being only nominally fortified with no more than 2500 troops to defend it. The enemy had all the advantage, both in point of numbers and in implements of war, yet the English Generals seemed inclined to turn the whole force of their artillery to bear on the ill-fated