

England, has returned to Montreal. He burnt Fort Bridgeman,¹ on the river Canitikouk, in which he did not find any person, and took one prisoner within 3 leagues of Colonel Lusdaine's² fort, which contained 30 people of the neighborhood. This fort is 37 leagues from Boston, 30 from Orange and 6 from Dierfil. This prisoner, whose name is Jonathan Sautune, is a native of Nortfil, aged 22 years; reports that Lidius was to have started more than a month ago with 1500 men to make an attack on the Canada settlements; that half this party consisted of Indians of the Five Nations, and the remainder of Dutchmen; that he does not know whether there be many Indians at Orange, Corlac and Sarastaugué; has heard a battle having been fought in Flanders, but is ignorant of the result; that M^r Knowles, Governor of Ile Royale, is at Boston since a month, to consult about the discharge of the militia enlisted for the Canada expedition. This prisoner and the people of his village, are of opinion that they will be, if they are not already, sent home. Goods are very scarce at Boston; paper money is discredited. The last harvest has been good. The Iroquois of the Saut, who accompanied Sieur de Léry, have evinced on their march much fear of being met by Mohawks. This leads Sieur de Léry to think that there is not any understanding between them. He has offered 6 of these Iroquois a hundred *livres* each to act as his guides on a scout to Sarastogué, from which place no intelligence has been received for 2 months previous; they have rejected the proposal, on pretext that there were, as they said, under that fort, some wigwams of Indians and Mohawks, who go out scouting every day, and that it would require 5 or 600 men to go there with safety.

When the General sent M^r de Sabrevois to Fort St. Frederic, he expressly recommended him to send scouting parties out frequently; we have at that fort some thirty Becancourt Abenakis, who will be usefully employed, and we hope to have news from Sarastogué in a short time.

Sieur Desnoyelle.

Sieur Desnoyelle Lanoix, who went out with 70 men, French and Indians, at the same time as Sieur de Léry, has also returned to Montreal. This party has not succeeded; it took only 2 scalps above Orange; one Seneca, who deserted, went to Orange to give word of it, and thereby has caused all the attacks to fail; the English everywhere being put on their guard.

Prisoners at the Saut.

December 1st We receive some letters from Montreal. Chevalier de La Corne writes us that in consequence of the General's orders he had repaired to the Saut St. Louis to endeavor to get some English prisoners out of the hands of the Indians; that there are there four Dutchmen, who have been three years in that village, and two others, recently captured. The 4 former are 20 @ 25 years old; the Indians to whom they belong are out hunting; they will exchange them for Panis men or women, and not for money, because they are adopted into that village. This arrangement will be concluded, and we shall wait until the coming down of the Michilimakinac canoes to buy some prisoners at a lower figure than could be done now.

Death of a Seneca.

Died, a Seneca, one of the 8 Indians kept in irons at Quebec; two others of them are sick; they are well treated; since the capture of these Indians no hostile party has appeared within our settlements.

¹ In the town of Hinsdale, Vermont. *Blodget's Map of Vermont*, 1784; *Belknap's New Hampshire*, III., 196. — Ed.

² *Sic*. Qu! Hinsdale.