

HISTORY
AND
GENERAL DESCRIPTION
OF
NEW FRANCE:

WHEREIN WILL BE FOUND

ALL THAT RELATES TO THE DISCOVERIES AND CONQUESTS
OF THE FRENCH IN NORTH AMERICA.

BOOK I.

MEN speak so differently among us of the settlements which we have made at different times in North America, that I have been led to believe that I would please the public, as well as render a service to my native country, if to the observations made by me in traversing those vast countries, where France possesses a territory greater than the continent of Europe, I added an exact and connected history of all the memorable events that have occurred there in the last two centuries and more.

Plan of the
Work.

But this is not the only motive which leads me to the task. Feeling that if I owe myself to the State as a citizen, my profession also obliges me to serve the Church, and to devote to it at least a part of my vigils, I have also resolved to undertake this work, in the desire to make known the mercies of the Lord, and the triumph of religion over