

1605. and on reaching the court, found matters much changed in his regard. The fishermen of all the ports in the kingdom had represented to the king, that under pretext of preventing their trade with the Indians, they were deprived of things most essential to their fisheries, and that they would have to abandon them if these vexations were not arrested.¹ Their remonstrance was heard; the council saw the loss that commerce would sustain by an interruption of the fishery, which then constituted one of the most considerable branches, and the exclusive privilege of Mr. de Monts, which was to have lasted two years longer, was revoked. Yet he did not lose courage; he made a new arrangement with Mr. de Poutrincourt, who had followed him to France, and had him equip a vessel at Rochelle, which sailed May 13, 1606.²

Mr. de
Monts loses
his exclu-
sive
privilege.

Extremity
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the colony
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The voyage was so long as to give the settlers at Port Royal reason to believe that they were abandoned. Pontgravé did indeed all he could to encourage them; but at last, as they were absolutely destitute of every thing, he was compelled to embark with the whole party, and hoist sail once more for France. He left in the fort only two men, who volunteered to remain alone at the mercy of the Indians to guard the property that they had been unable to remove.³ He was almost in sight of the Bay of Fundy, when he learned from a bark of the arrival of Mr. de Poutrincourt at Camceaux. On hearing this, he sailed back and re-entered Port Royal, which Poutrincourt had already reached,⁴ without their having met; because, to go from Port Royal to Camceaux, you pass between the continent and Long Island; whereas, to proceed from Camceaux

¹ Lescarbot (ed. 1618), p. 584; 107; Laverdière's edition, p. 86; Champlain, Voyages (ed. 1632), p. Lescarbot (ed. 1618), p. 516.
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² Lescarbot (ed. 1618), p. 516.

³ They left Port Royal, July 17, in conformity with the directions of de Monts, says Champlain, who was there. Voyages (ed. 1613), pp. 106,

⁴ Champlain, Voyages (ed. 1613), p. 110. His date, July 25, is wrong. See Laverdière, p. 88. Lescarbot (p. 584) states that he arrived at Port Royal in this vessel, the Jonas, July 27.