

deck, to return to France; but this vessel was too small to hold all.

He then proposed that those who knew any trade should go to Virginia with him,—promising that they should be at full liberty to profess their religion there, and have passage back to France, if, after a year's service, they desired it. Several accepted this offer; and the Sieur de la Motte le Vilin, for whom the English captain had conceived an esteem and friendship, as well as Father Biart, offered to follow him. Two other Jesuits, who had come from France with Mr. de la Saussaye, embarked with them, to proceed to an English ship soon to sail for England.¹ In this way, the bark was large enough for the remaining French and their commander, with Father Enemond Masse, who would not abandon them.²

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What became of the French.

One thing, their want of a pilot, troubled them; but the day or day after their departure, as they coasted along in sight of land to reach Port Royal, they perceived Lamets on shore. They took him aboard, and steered for Acadia. Crossing the Bay of Fundy without touching at Port Royal, they fell in, a little beyond port de la Haive, with a St. Malo ship, which took them all aboard, and carried them safely to St. Malo.³ Those who followed Captain Argall to Virginia were not as fortunate. On their arrival at Jamestown, the governor-general⁴ declared that they must all expect to be treated as pirates, and in fact he condemned them to death.

Argall in vain represented that he had given his word

¹ This is very much confused. Biard says that Argall agreed to take them to a neighboring English fishing station, but that he carried him, with Father James Quentin and John Dixon, to Virginia. Carayon, p. 109. There were but four Jesuits—Biard, Masse, Quentin, and Brother du Thet.

² Biard, Relation, p. 50. In his

letter of May 26, 1614, he says fourteen went with Masse.

³ They found two vessels beyond, at Sesembre—one belonging to du Pont, the other the Sauveur, Captain Bullot—each of which took half the party. Biard, p. 51; Champlain, p. 108.

⁴ Sir Thomas Dale, acting for Sir Thomas Gates.