

THOMAS
CORNEILLE.

Corneille, in his Geographical Dictionary, wishing to add to what the Abbé Baudrand and Maty had said of French America, followed chiefly the Voyages of the Baron de la Hontan, a sorry guide, as we shall soon see; nevertheless, as he aimed chiefly to show the different nations inhabiting this great continent, and has greatly abridged La Hontan's account, it happens by a kind of chance that he drew generally from what is most passable in that traveller, so that the article on Canada is not the most defective in his dictionary. This is not the case with several other special articles, where he did not select his authorities judiciously. As the Mississippi is to Louisiana what the Nile is to Egypt, we cannot conceive how the author, speaking of Louisiana, never mentions the river, and in his article on the river does not even name Louisiana.

GEUDRE-
VILLE.

In volume VI. of Geudreville's Atlas (published by Honnoré and Châtelain, Amsterdam, 1719), we find first a general dissertation on America, containing faults in history and geography which would not be pardoned in a school-boy. Is it tolerable, for example, in a man who publishes a complete course of geography, at such expense, to say that Guadeloupe, which he calls Gardeloupe, is about ten leagues from the Bahamas? The subsequent dissertation on Canada is not more accurate; it is merely a poor abridgment of La Hontan's memoirs, in which you easily detect the uncouth, and often barbarous style, and unbecoming expression of that traveller. Indeed, it is regarded as a fact that Geudreville retouched the last edition of his Voyages. Lastly, there is a third dissertation on Louysiana, which is so superficial, and so confounds truth and falsehood, that only those who know the country well can tell his meaning. Proper names are entirely disfigured there.

ROBBE AND
LA MARTI-
NIERE.

Mr. Robbe and Mr. de la Martiniere divide New France into two provinces, namely, Canada proper, and the province of Saguenay. This division is imaginary, and badly imagined at that. 1st. In placing in the province of Saguenay the city of Quebec, the capital of French Canada. 2d. In encircling this pretended province of Saguenay by that of Canada, which Mr. Robbe extends below the Saguenay River to the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and above Quebec beyond the lakes.

Mr. de la Martiniere is much fuller than Corneille in all the