

Meanwhile, Mr. de Champlain insisted on having the murderers of the two Frenchmen. They sent him one, and he the least guilty, with much furs to cover the dead.<sup>1</sup> They had to accept this kind of satisfaction: the thing was arranged, and the Indians gave two of their chiefs as hostages.<sup>2</sup>

1617.

Champlain did nothing scarcely but go and come between Quebec and France,<sup>3</sup> to obtain supplies, which were seldom furnished to the extent he called for.<sup>4</sup> The court took no interest in New France, leaving it in the hands of individuals of limited views, with no other object but trade, who sought only to fill their stores with furs, cared very little for all else, making but reluctantly advances for settlements in a colony in which they took no interest, and seldom making them in season.<sup>5</sup> The prince thought he did much in lending his name; and besides the troubles of the regency, which then cost him his liberty, and the intrigues set on foot to deprive him of his title of viceroy<sup>6</sup> and annul the commission of Marshal de Thémînes—to whom he had confided Canada during his imprisonment,<sup>7</sup>—the want of concert among the associates, the commercial jealousy which embroiled the merchants with one another,—all these often threatened to smother the young

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neglected.

<sup>1</sup> That is to say, indemnify the relatives.—*Charlevoix*. As to this transaction, see Champlain (ed. 1619), pp. 123–37; Sagard, *Histoire*, pp. 42–5.

<sup>2</sup> Two boys, Nigamon and Tebachi, were given: Le Clercq, *Etablissement*, i., p. 122; Champlain, p. 137.

<sup>3</sup> He sailed from Quebec, July 26, 1618, and reached Honfleur, 28th August: *Voyages* 1615–8, pp. 157, 158. The Recollects Paul and Pacificus accompanied them: *Ib.*; Sagard, *Histoire*, p. 49.

<sup>4</sup> Champlain, *Voyages* (ed. 1632), p. 110; Le Clercq, *Etablissement de la Foi*, i., pp. 108–11.

<sup>5</sup> Sagard, *Histoire du Canada*, p.

32; Le Clercq, *Etablissement de la Foi*, i., pp. 96, 169–71; Champlain, *Voyages* (ed. 1632), pp. 217, 218.

<sup>6</sup> The Prince de Condé was arrested by Thémînes, at the Louvre, in September, 1616, and confined three years at Vincennes. Thémînes was made marshal of France.

<sup>7</sup> Marshal Pons de Lausièrre-Thémînes-Cardaillac. He obtained the rank of king's lieutenant in New France from the queen regent. He died governor of Brittany, Nov. 1, 1627, aged seventy-four. Champlain explains how Thémînes came to obtain the position, and he considered it as held only during Condé's imprisonment.