

1629. it was Kertk's squadron, he regarded that commander less as an enemy than as a deliverer to whom he owed his own and his colony's escape from starvation. It was but a few hours after receiving this intelligence that he saw a boat approach bearing a white flag. The officer in command, after advancing to about the middle of the harbor, stopped, as if to ask permission to approach. This was given at first by raising a flag similar to his own; and as soon as he landed, he presented to the governor a letter from Louis and Thomas Kertk, brothers of Admiral David Kertk.¹

This letter contained a summons in extremely polite terms. The two brothers, one of whom was to command at Quebec and the other directed the fleet, the greater part of which remained with Thomas at Tadoussac, gave Mr. de Champlain to understand that they were aware of the sad state of his colony: that, nevertheless, if he would surrender his fort, they would allow him to make his own conditions. What had so well informed the English of the situation of Quebec, was the capture of the Sieur Boulé, Champlain's lieutenant and brother-in-law, whom the governor had dispatched to represent to the Company the pressing need of succor in which he stood. From some of his sailors, the English had artfully drawn the object of their voyage.²

Conditions
of the sur-
render.

The governor was far from refusing the offer made him. He accepted it,³ but begged the commander not to approach any nearer till all was agreed upon. The officer went back with this answer, and the evening of the same day he returned to Quebec to ask the articles of capitula-

¹ See letter in Champlain, part ii., p. 215; Sagard, *Histoire du Canada*, p. 988; Creuxius, *Historia Canadensis*, p. 27. It is dated July 19, 1629. The English fleet, six ships and two pinnaces, left Gravesend March 26, 1629: Deposition of Captain David Kyrcke (State-paper office col., series v., art. 37).

² Sagard, *Histoire du Canada*, p. 984; Creuxius, *Historia Canadensis*, p. 25; Champlain, *Voyages* (1632), p. 230.

³ Sagard, *Histoire du Canada*, p. 989; Champlain (Letter to Kirk, July 19, 1629), *Voyages*, (ed. 1632), p. 215; Creuxius, *Historia Canadensis*, p. 29.