

1629. these conditions, and thought it not worth while to press the others.

The next day, July 20, Louis Kertk anchored in the roadstead with his three ships, his own a vessel of one hundred tons, carrying ten guns; the other two, pataches of fifty tons and six guns.¹ The governor went on board to visit him, and was well received. He asked and obtained soldiers to guard the chapel, and protect the two religious houses (Jesuit and Recollect)² from all insult. Kertk then landed at Quebec and took possession of the fort, then of the warehouse, the keys of which he committed to one Le Baillif, of Amiens, who had gone over to the enemy with three other Frenchmen, Stephen Brulé, of Champigni; Nicholas Marsolet, of Rouen; and Peter Raye, of Paris. The last was one of the most wicked men that could possibly be seen; and, as is usually the case, only these traitors abused their position.³ The commandant would not allow Mr. de Champlain to leave his quarters, permitting him even to have Mass said there. He carried his politeness so far, as to give him a copy, in his own handwriting, of the inventory he had drawn up of all found in the place when he entered.⁴

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It was for the English interest to retain in the country all the settlers who had cleared lands, at least Kertk thought so; and to induce them to remain, he made them the most tempting offers. He even assured them that if, after remaining a year, they were not satisfied, he would convey them back to France. As his conduct had greatly prepossessed them in his favor, and several would have been obliged to beg their bread if they crossed the sea, almost all concluded to remain; but the governor, while giving his consent to this, warned them that if, at the end of a year, the king did not retake Canada, they would do wrong to remain any longer deprived of the sacraments

¹ Pataches of forty tons: Champlain, p. 219.

² Hebert's house was also protected:

Creuxius, *Historia Canadensis*, p. 29.

³ Champlain, p. 220.

⁴ *Ib.*, p. 221.