

that if retained by England it would soon be on a different footing, as they would turn many things to account which the French had neglected or overlooked. I will not enter into the detail of what then passed ; it would lead me too far, and is not very interesting. The admiral was not nearly as generous as his brother Louis, and even the latter did not maintain his character to the end. Champlain, and in a still greater degree the Jesuits, were to experience much ill treatment at the hands of both.¹

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The perfidious Michel had persuaded them that these religious were very rich ; but the English were soon undeceived, and vented some of their disgust on the informer. The three brothers were indebted to him for the whole success of this campaign and the previous one ; they were good merchants who had grown rich by trade, but who knew nothing of war. Michel was a naval man and a brave soldier. In the engagement with Mr. de Roquemont he had saved David Kertk's ship from being grappled by that commander, who could not reply to his broadsides, but would easily have carried him by boarding ; Michel had, too, served as guide and pilot to his two brothers, who did not know the St. Lawrence, and but for him would never have dared to enter so far.

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end.

But whether treason inspires with a kind of horror even those who profit by it ; or that traitors take umbrage at every thing, a general effect of remorse of conscience ; or, finally, the disappointment of the English on seeing how little their conquest had enriched them ; or discontent on the part of the renegade, who deemed his services ill rewarded, there was soon more than a coolness between them. He was even the first to give vent. He openly made loud complaints of the English, and especially of the admiral. He declaimed still more furiously against the Jesuits and men of St. Malo ; and his violence went so far, that more than once it resulted in attacks of frenzy.

¹ Champlain, part ii., ch. v. ; Creuxius, Hist. Canadensis, p. 35, etc.