

1613-70. the Garter. Whether he had already given to that court pledges contrary to his duty, or that his new dignity involved his giving them, it is certain that he promised the king of Great Britain to put the English in possession of the post held by his son in Acadia; and on this assurance two ships of war were given to him, on which he embarked with his new wife.<sup>1</sup>

Exploit of  
Sieur de  
la Tour.

On arriving off Cape Sable, he had himself put ashore, and proceeded alone to meet his son, to whom he drew a splendid picture of his influence at the English court, and the advantage he expected to derive from it. He added that it rested with his son to obtain as great advantage for himself; that he brought him the collar of the Garter;<sup>2</sup> and that he was empowered to confirm him in his government, if he would declare for His Britannic Majesty. The young commandant was equally surprised and shocked at this language. He assured his father distinctly that he was mistaken, if he supposed him capable of delivering up his place to the enemies of the state; that he would hold it for the king, his master, as long as he had a breath of life; that he esteemed highly the honor that the king of England wished to confer on him, but that he would not purchase it by an act of treason; that the prince whom he served was powerful enough to reward him in a way to give him no reason to regret the offers made him; and that at all events, his fidelity would be a sufficient reward.

On receiving this unexpected reply, the father returned on board, and the next day wrote in the most tender and pressing terms to his son; but this letter also failed to produce any effect. At last he assured him that he was able to carry by force what he had been unable to obtain by entreaty; that when he had landed his troops, it would

<sup>1</sup> Denys, Description Géographique des Costes, etc., i., p. 69.

<sup>2</sup> *Ib.*, p. 70. Denys was evidently misinformed as to this. La Tour was made a Baronet of Nova Scotia. See Patent in Hazard, Hist. Collec-

tions, i., pp. 307-309. As between la Tour and d'Aulnay, Denys always speaks bitterly of the latter, who had wronged him; and perhaps too easily credited de la Tour. See Champlain (Ed. 1632), p. 283.