

1654-70. retrieve his losses in part, and to strengthen his position against the English, from whom he could not expect better treatment than his two colleagues.<sup>1</sup>

Adventures  
of Sieur  
Denys.

This interval was, however, short, and although the enemies of the State did not think of disturbing him, his condition was not more favorable. He occupied quite peacefully a fort which he had erected at Chedaboutou,<sup>2</sup> on the eastern coast, when a person named La Giraudiere, who had by false statements fraudulently procured a grant of the port of Camceaux from the West India Company, arrived in that port, where he knew Mr. Denys was hourly expecting a vessel loaded with provisions. The ship actually arrived, and la Giraudiere notified the captain commanding it of his commission, forbade him to deliver any thing to Mr. Denys, and sent to summon that governor to surrender Chedaboutou, with all that he possessed as far as Cape St. Louis, as being comprised within his grant.

Mr. Denys replied that the Company had been imposed upon, and that it was not likely that they would give to another what they had sold to him. La Giraudiere replied that he had a commission in due form, and that if Denys would not give up his fort with a good grace, he had means to compel him. At the same time one hundred and twenty men, who were with Sieur Denys, learning of the seizure of his ship, and seeing themselves thus on the point of running out of provisions, asked for their discharge. He told them that he did not pretend to keep them by force; but he induced them by encouraging words to complete the work actually in hand; and when he saw himself in a position to entertain no fears of La Giraudiere, he transported them all to Cape Breton except twelve, who would not abandon their governor.<sup>3</sup>

As soon as La Giraudiere was informed of their depart-

<sup>1</sup> Denys, Description, etc., i., p. 12. copies the site: Haliburton, i., p. 92.

<sup>2</sup> The town of Manchester now oc- <sup>3</sup> Denys, Description, etc., i., p. 15.