

down in his instructions: That his majesty had been induced to secure that spot, and establish a colony there to maintain his subjects in the right which they had long possessed, of going there every year to carry on a considerable fishery of dry fish, and by the fear of their being forestalled by the English: that he had annually incurred considerable expense to enable the inhabitants to subsist by their labor: that the fishery had appeared to him the surest and readiest way to succeed; but that the commandants had apparently endeavored to use this to oblige the inhabitants to give them a portion of their fishery in exchange for provisions, which they distributed among them, although these were drawn from the king's storehouses: that *Sieur de la Poype* was to put an end positively to this disorder, and examine whether by leaving the inhabitants of the colony all the fruit of their labor, they will be in a state to subsist the whole year through, or at least a part of the year, and that in case they needed help, he should inform his majesty what they would require of him, whether provisions or merchandise, against which they could give in exchange the profit of their fishery; which joined to the cultivation of the soil, the raising of cattle and hunting, by which also they could aid themselves, would, in a short time, put them at their ease.<sup>1</sup>

Such was the state of affairs in all parts of New France when *Mr. Talon* returned to resume the functions of *Intendant*.<sup>2</sup> During his whole sojourn in Europe, he had been occupied with nothing scarcely but Canadian matters. He had especially in view the restoration of the *Recollect Fathers*, who, on their side, were on the alert in regard to it. The Company of a Hundred Associates had constantly refused its consent for reasons which I have touched upon elsewhere;<sup>3</sup> and this refusal, although it

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<sup>1</sup> Canada Doc., III., iii., pp. 12-49.

<sup>2</sup> Relation de la Nouvelle France, 1670, p. 2; *Le Clercq*, *Etablissement de la Foi*, ii., p. 87.

<sup>3</sup> Ante, vol. ii., p. 65. *Le Clercq*, *Etablissement de la Foi*, i., pp. 432-514, details the efforts of the *Recollects* to return to Canada.