

1680.

Acadia
restored to
France.

As to the English, there was more than one reason to believe them the instigators of this rupture; nor was it only in the direction of the Illinois that they endeavored to excite troubles for us by means of the Iroquois. Their object in so doing was this: Acadia, the fort on St. John's River, and that of Pentagoët had been for the fourth time restored to France by the English, and Mr. de Chambly had been appointed governor, he having previously, as well as the Chevalier de Grandfontaine, only enjoyed the title of commandant.

A small settlement had subsequently grown up at Port Royal, which then became the capital of this government, which, besides Acadia, comprised all the southern coast of New France, but which was always subordinate to the governor-general. In fact, nothing was more wretched than this settlement, and although all whom chance or private business led to those parts incessantly represented the injustice of neglecting to settle and fortify such fine provinces, their remonstrances were ineffectual, and did not even silence those who continued to publish that Acadia was good for nothing.

The Eng-
lish seize it
again.

The English, on the contrary, approached it steadily as closely as they could, and after the restitution of Pentagoët they had built between that post and the Kennebec a good fort in a place which bore the name of Pemkuit.¹ The Abénakis, to whom the site belonged, took umbrage at it, and the English soon perceived that in these Indians they had disagreeable neighbors. To have nothing to fear from them, they deemed it necessary to involve them with the Iroquois, who did not require much urging to open a war with the Abénaquis. The latter, too feeble to resist

¹ Conduite des François Justifiée, p. 98. This fort, a wooden redoubt with an outwork and two bastions, was erected in June, 1667, by Sir Edmund Andros, on a neck of land on Sheepscoot River, now called New-

castle. Andros acted for the Duke of York, whose charter from Charles II., March 12, 1664, gave him from the St. Croix to Pemaquid: N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 256.