

conducted the English to the River Nemiscau, which empties into the head of the bay, and that the English erected at the mouth of the river a fort which received the name of Fort Rupert; that they subsequently established another among the Monsonis, and then a third at Quitchichouen. But France and Canada viewed these enterprises as usurpations.

1682-3.

Two French runaways conduct the English to Hudson's Bay.

Colbert, nevertheless, in view of the close union then existing between the two crowns, deemed it most expedient to dissemble for a time; but, to prevent a title by prescription, Mr. Talon, having formed a design for seeking an easy route to Hudson's Bay by the Saguenay, profited by a new deputation from the Indians of those parts sent down with the object of obtaining missionaries. To accompany them on their return he chose Father Charles Albanel, giving him as associates two Frenchmen, one of whom was the Sieur Denys de St. Simon, a Canadian gentleman, nephew of the Denys whose Memoirs on Acadia have been so frequently cited.<sup>1</sup>

They set out from Quebec August 22, 1671,<sup>2</sup> and on the 17th of September learned that two English vessels had anchored at the head of Hudson's Bay, and were trading with the Indians.<sup>3</sup> This information compelled them to send back to Quebec for passports, which were at once given; but this delay had made them lose the proper season for navigating the river, and they were forced to winter on the shores of Lake St. John. They resumed their march on the 1st of June in the following year, 1672, and on the 13th eighteen canoes full of Mistassin Indians ap-

Father Albanel and Mr. de St. Simon go to Hudson's Bay by the Saguenay.

Hudson's Bay. Failing to induce them, he went to England, and, with Radisson, conducted an English vessel, commanded by Zachariah Gillam, a New Englander, to the bay. Oldmixon, *British Empire* (i., p. 544), says it was in 1667. Robson's *Account of Six Years' Residence in Hudson's Bay*, 8vo, London, 1752,

Appendix 4, says 1668. As to them, see N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., pp. 304, 797; de la Potherie, *Hist. de l'Am. Sept.*, i., pp. 141-2.

<sup>1</sup> Relation de la N. F., 1672-3, p. 42.

<sup>2</sup> August 6: *Ib.*, p. 43.

<sup>3</sup> They were informed by some Attikamegues and some Mistassinini: *Ib.*, p. 44.