

1683. which two large rivers emptied through a common mouth.¹

One is Bourbon River, which has been ascended to quite a distance without discovering its source. A French vessel had wintered there in 1675, and given it the name it bears. Des Groseilliers gave the other the name of Saint Teresa, after his wife, a sister of Radisson.² This small bay where the two rivers join, is called by the English Port Nelson, pretending that it had been discovered in 1611 by Nelson, Henry Hudson's pilot.

What
occurred be-
tween them
and the
English.

Sieur Jeremie, from whom we have quite a good Relation of Hudson's Bay, where he made a very long stay, and was in command at the time of the treaty of Utrecht, avers that while Radisson and his brother-in-law were wintering in St. Teresa's River, some Englishmen were encamped on the banks of Bourbon River. The French discovered the English before the latter had the slightest suspicion that they had such close neighbors, attacked them when they were intoxicated, and made them all prisoners, to the number of eighty, although the French had with them only twelve men; that they also found quite near them six English sailors abandoned there by a Boston vessel, who were destitute of provisions, and were unaware of the presence of their countrymen on Bourbon River.³

But a Memoir which was presented the next year to Mr. de Seignelay,⁴ and of which I had the original in my hand, gives quite a different version, and is undoubtedly entitled to greater credit than the narrative of that traveller, otherwise a very judicious man, whose testimony can be depended on when he speaks of facts of which it was

¹ At River Kakioukiouay (Qui va et vient), Aug. 27: Canada Doc., II., iv., p. 218.

² It was at 57° 30': De la Pothe-rie, i., p. 144.

³ Des Groseillier's post was on the islands, three leagues up the river. He discovered first the six Boston men whose vessel had been carried

off by the ice, and never was heard of. Then, on Epiphany, he captured the London party, which was seven leagues up Bourbon River: Jeremie, Relation de la Baye d'Hudson, pp. 322-3.

⁴ Des Groseilliers to Seignelay: Canada Doc., II., iv., p. 176. De Meulles to same: *Ib.*, p. 218.