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was: "You are soon to go to Montreal on your own concerns; do there what you deem proper; you shall not be disavowed," a form of speech which, among the Indians, is purely complimentary, and binds to nothing.

Mr. de
Dénouville
arrives in
Canada as
governor-
general.

A few days after this letter was received by de la Barre, the Marquis de Dénouville¹ landed at Quebec with new troops.² He had been appointed governor-general of New France the preceding year,³ that is to say, immediately

¹ James René de Brisay, Marquis de Dénouville, entered the King's Musketeers, and was at this time colonel of the Queen's Regiment of Dragoons. On being appointed governor of Canada in 1685, he sold his commission to the Messrs. Mercey, says La Hontan. He brought out to Canada his marchioness and their daughter, Mlle. de Brisay, who entered the Hotel Dieu with the view of becoming a nun, but was withdrawn by her mother, and became a Carmelite at Chartres: Juchereau, *Histoire de l'Hotel Dieu*, p. 296. After a most unfortunate administration, this worthy nobleman was superseded in 1689, and on his return to France was, through the interest of the Duke de Beauvilliers, appointed with that nobleman and the great Fenelon, sub-governor of the Duke of Burgundy and the Princes of the Blood, sons of the Great Dauphin. See La Hontan, i., p. 167; de la Potherie, ii., p. 233; Juchereau, p. 196. His wife is spoken of in the highest terms by Mgr. de St. Valier, *Etat Présent*, p. 89. Dénouville is the only governor after Champlain who brought his wife to Canada. Madame d'Ailleboust was in the colony on her husband's appointment. Dénouville died in 1710.

² In the same vessel came John Baptist de la Croix de Chevrieres de St. Valier, nominated to the see of Quebec on the resignation of Mgr.

Laval. He was born Nov. 14, 1653, at Grenoble, where his grandfather and his uncle had been bishop. He was chaplain to Louis XIV. when nominated, and before accepting wished to visit his new diocese. He came out with Dénouville as vicar-general of Mgr. Laval, reached Quebec July 29, 1685, and, after an extensive visitation, sailed 18th Nov., 1686. He was appointed bishop July 7, 1687, consecrated by Abp. Colbert, coadjutor of Rouen, January 25, 1688, and August 1 reached Quebec. He went to Europe in 1702, and on his voyage back to Canada was taken by the English, and did not reach Canada till 1714. He died at Quebec 26th December, 1727. See a sketch of his life in the reprint of the *Etat Présent*, Quebec, 1856; *Les Ursulines de Quebec*, ii., p. 140. For the original see ante, vol. i., p. 85. He brought over nine priests, one of whom died on the sea, and another soon after landing: *Etat Présent*, pp. 2-3. Yet the *Liste Chronologique*, Quebec, 1834, mentions only one as arriving. The Hospital Nuns had more than three hundred sick on their hands: Juchereau, *Hist. de l'Hotel Dieu*, p. 283. Mgr. de Laval was not immediately permitted to return to Canada: *Lettres*, 1687; *l'Abbeille*, ii., No. 26, iii., No. 24.

³ See his commission, January 1, 1685. *Arrets et Ordonnances*, iii., p.