

form.¹ This fort was at first escalated and the palisades cut down with axes. The cannoneer alone attempted a defence, and died bravely. All the rest asked for quarter, and were made prisoners of war.² They were sixteen in number, and had twelve cannon, eight and six pounders, three thousand pounds of powder, and ten of lead.

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D'Iberville then embarked with nine men in two bark canoes, and proceeded to attack a small vessel lying at anchor, with fourteen men aboard, the general of the Bay being there in person. They made, however, a very feeble resistance, and surrendered without any condition except that their lives should be spared.³ Sainte Helene had been detached at the same time with fifty men, and finding near the shore a vessel unguarded, embarked with his men and sailed to Fort Rupert, fifteen or twenty leagues distant from Monsipi, and situated, as previously remarked, on the River Nemiscau. He landed near the place without any opposition, and at once mounted to the assault; but the garrison, astounded at this intrepidity, cried quarter and threw down their arms, so that no one was killed. This fort had just been rebuilt, and the guns were not yet mounted on the carriages.⁴

After this second capture all the French united, and, embarking on Iberville's and Sainte Helene's two prizes, sailed to Fort Quitchehouen,⁵ the reduction of which cost them only the voyage, powder, and cannon-balls. The garrison, after standing a considerable cannonade, capitulated.⁶ The great English stores were at this place, and

¹ De la Potherie, in his description, says thirty feet. Father Silvy (St. Valier, *Etat Présent*, pp. 43-5) calls it Monsousipiou.

² De la Potherie, *Hist. de l'Am. Sept.*, i., p. 151; St. Valier, *Etat Présent*, p. 44.

³ St. Valier, *Etat Présent*, p. 44, says he had twelve men. Charlevoix follows de la Potherie, *Histoire de l'Amérique Septentrionale*, i., p. 153.

They call the English commander at the Bay Brigueur: *Ib.*, p. 154.

⁴ De la Potherie, *Hist. de l'Am. Sept.*, i., p. 152, says they built the boat, started June 25, were off Rupert 1st July.

⁵ De la Potherie, *Hist. de l'Am. Sept.*, i., p. 155, writes Kichichouanne.

⁶ De la Potherie, *Hist. de l'Am. Sept.*, i., p. 156, etc. It surrendered