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hitherto it has been their ability that has sustained the affairs of the country by the number of friends they have won among all the Indians, and their dexterity in managing the mind of these barbarians, who are savages only in name."¹

"The Sedentary Fishery Company designs preventing the Jesuits from re-establishing the mission which they had among the tribes near Pentagoët (to which they returned last year at my request), and to retain those Indians in our interest, they having left them on account of the disorders caused in those parts by liquor. It is my duty to inform you that it will be a great misfortune for Acadia, if these gentlemen let these missions fall into other hands; for it must not be imagined that it is the work of five or six years to learn the language of these nations and govern them well. The best minds, after twenty years toil and hardship beyond description, sometimes find themselves deficient. . . . Father Bigot is towards Pentagoët, in order to gather together a new village on the king's territories, and prevent their being drawn off by Chevalier Andros."²

Colonel
Dongan re-
called.

This knight commanded in New England in the absence of the governor-general, and he had just been appointed governor-general of New York.³ He was a Protestant,

¹ The abstract (N. Y. Col. Documents, ix., p. 393) does not contain this part.

² For an account of Sillery about this time, see St. Valier, *Etat Présent*, p. 68. We have *Relations of Abnaki Missions* by the Bigots in 1684 and 1685. In May, 1685, the mission was removed from Sillery to the Chaudiere, and fortified. Of the mission to Maine in 1688 I find nothing. Rev. Peter Thury of Quebec seminary was sent to Acadia in 1684 by Bp. Laval and by St. Valier in 1685: *Etat Présent*, p. 12. After laboring among the Gaspe-

sians, he was sent to the Pentagoët, in 1687: Taschereau, *Memoir on the Acadian Missions*.

³ He was captain-general and governor-in-chief in and over our colonies of the Massachusetts Bay and New Plymouth, our Provinces of New Hampshire and Maine, the Narraganset country or King's Province, our colonies of Rhode Island and Connecticut, our Province of New York, and East and West Jersey, and of all the tract from 40 N. to the River St. Croix, thence N. to the St. Lawrence, and by all that breadth to the Pacific, constituting "our