

1661. he finds no other. The greatest difficulty was to grant a missionary to the two cantons, who proposed peace only on this condition.¹ The viscount sounded Father le Moyne, who unhesitatingly replied that he was ready to start. This was the fifth time that this religious had sacrificed himself on such occasions: he embraced this one eagerly, believing it beyond all fail that he would lay down his life for the cause of God and the safety of the colony.²

Father Le Moyne consents to accompany them home.

Baron d'Avaugour relieves the Viscount d'Argenson

In the midst of all this, Baron d'Avaugour arrived from France³ to relieve Viscount d'Argenson, who had been impelled to solicit a recall by ill health,⁴ the slight support he received from the New France Company, and some private troubles incessantly excited against him by ill-minded men.⁵ The new governor was amazed to see himself put in charge of a colony so gone to wreck. He began by visiting all the posts, and, after that visit, he said that he was charmed with Canada; that its value was not understood in France; but that he could not conceive how his predecessors had held their ground as they really did, with so little resources; that he would lay it all before the king, and that if the troops and supplies that had been promised him were not sent at once, he would not wait for the appointment of a successor before returning to France. This general was a resolute and highly upright

¹ Relation de la N. F., 1661, p. 9; M. Marie de l'Incarnation, Lettre Oct., 1661; Bishop Laval, Report to the Propaganda, Oct. 21, 1661, in Faillon, Hist. de la Colonie, ii., 452.

² Relation de la N. F., 1661, p. 9, says nothing of D'Argenson's action. The news of the coming of the ambassadors arrived June 29; and July 2, Fathers Chaumonot and Le Moyne went up to Montreal—the former to represent the Governor, the latter to go to Onondaga, and he in fact set out from Montreal on the 21st: Lalemant, Journal; Relation de la N. F., p. 31.

³ Aug. 31, 1661: Lalemant, Journal; Relation de la N. F., 1661, p. 10.

⁴ Dollier de Casson, Histoire de Montreal. He sailed to France Sept. 19, 1661 (Lalemant, Journal), and the new Governor then took command. D'Argenson's commission bore date Jan. 26, 1657: Memoires sur les Possessions en Amérique, iii., p. 422; Edits et Ordonnances, iii., p. 20. His term of three years began with his arrival at Quebec, July 11, 1658.

⁵ Lettres de Marie de l'Incarnation, Oct., 1661.