

another ecclesiastic, named Mr. Trouvé; ¹ that before his departure he assembled the colonists, and administered to them an oath of fidelity to the sovereigns of England, William and Mary; that he had set up his first sergeant, one Chevalier, as Commandant of Port Royal, and six of the prominent settlers to administer justice as councillors.

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This information greatly embarrassed the Chevalier de Villebon. He had brought with him from France the Sieur Saccardie, an engineer, and consulted with that officer, Perrot, and des Gouttins, what was to be done at this juncture to save the rest of a colony, of which he was alone in charge, and to put beyond danger the royal stores that he had brought from France. What disturbed him most was that the English were still in Port de la Héve, where, in less than three days, they might be informed of his arrival; and he was by no means in a position to resist them, in case they returned to attack him in Port Royal.

All things maturely considered, it was unanimously resolved to retire to St. John's River, where the Chevalier de Grandfontaine had built a fort at a place called Jemset, or Jembac; ² to transport to it what belonged to the King and the Company; to rally there all the soldiers they could—several of whom had escaped from the hands of the English, or managed not to fall into them; to order the Sieur de Montorgueil, lieutenant in Villebon's company, who was at Chedabouctou with a detachment of fourteen soldiers, to join his captain at Jemset; and, when all this was done, to erect a stone fort at the same place, and thence send all possible aid to the Indians, and encourage them to continue the war, which they kept up with constant activity against the English. In fact, these

¹ See ante vol. iii., p. 110.

² In his errata, Charlevoix corrects this to "Jemsac." Ante vol. iii., p. 188, he writes "Gemésie." In the Procès Verbal, of taking possession in 1670 (Mem. de Commissaires, ii.,

p. 323), it is "Gemisick," and said to be twenty-five leagues up the river. It was then a mere block-house, forty paces by thirty. It was on the east bank of the river, opposite the present Gagetown, N. B.