

1690 centre of a great hall, which was quite full of officers,¹ but to understand the cause of his astonishment it must be remembered that Mr. Provôt, on the first intelligence of the approach of the English, had sent the Sieur de Grandville, his brother-in-law, to obtain more accurate and detailed information.

That officer, advancing perhaps with too little precaution, or more probably deceived by the French colors on the English vessels, of which he saw only a few, was captured by the admiral, to whom he confessed what was really true, that Quebec was destitute of fortifications, troops, and general.² Phibs, who could not doubt the sincerity of this report, and who never dreamed that matters had changed so much in so short a time, had expected to sleep in Quebec the very night that he anchored in the roadstead, and that this place would not cost him dearer than Port Royal had done, expressing his opinion on the matter with a confidence which spread through his whole force.

Before reaching the fort, the trumpeter was enabled to lose some of his, for he was purposely led all around the place, to be stunned by the great activity he heard on all sides, each one taking delight in increasing his confusion, and giving him reason to believe that the whole town was set with caltrops and chevaux-de-frise, and that the enemy could not take twenty steps, without being obliged to storm an intrenchment; but the sight of the Governor-General so well attended, and the demeanor of the officers, completely disconcerted him. He tremblingly presented his summons, which was in writing, and in English, and which was at once interpreted. The following is the translation as transmitted by the Count Frontenac to the

¹ La Hontan, *Voyages*, i., p. 212, Grandville had been an ensign in the alone mentions the presence of the Regiment Carignan Salieres, and was Bishop and Intendant. now a lieutenant. Juchereau, *Hist.*

² De Monseignat, *Relation*, &c., de l'Hotel Dieu, p. 320. Daniel, *Nos* N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 483, De Gloires Nationales, ii., pp. 274, 282.