

fleet weighed anchor, and fell down with the tide. On the twenty-fourth it anchored at l'Arbre Sec. It carried off quite a number of French who had been taken prisoners on various occasions, and among others the Rev. Mr. Trouvé, a priest whom Phibs had detained since the capture of Port Royal, Mr. de Grandville, and the demoiselles Joliet and de la Lande.<sup>1</sup>

The latter lady hearing nothing said of ransom or exchange, asked the Admiral whether he would not prefer to obtain the English prisoners in Canada, rather than take French to Boston, who would only be a burthen. She offered to go to the Count de Frontenac, and in his name propose an exchange, which would redound to the advantage of both nations. Her offer being accepted, she was taken to Quebec, and had still less difficulty in inducing the Governor-General to enter into negotiations on that point with the English Admiral. The Count de Frontenac even sent him the captain of his guards<sup>2</sup> invested with full powers, and as the number of prisoners was about equal on both sides, the negotiation was concluded without any difficulty, and carried out in good faith.<sup>3</sup> Phibs then continued his route, deeply chagrined to have lost the best part of his property in an expedition in which he had gone to almost all the expense, in the hope of a great fortune. Nor was he free from anxiety as to what might befall him in that advanced season without coasting-pilots in a river as to which he was not well acquainted, with vessels in such wretched order, so

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Exchange of prisoners. Wretched state and new losses of the English fleet.

<sup>1</sup> De Monseignat, Relation, &c., the ladies mentioned, giving up N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 489. De la Davis, Sarah Gerrish and 16 others, Potherie, iii., p. 120-1. Account chiefly taken by Portneuf. De Monseignat, N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 489. sent by the Fleur de Mai. N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 458, Frontenac's Mather's Magnalia, B'k VII., p. 66. Dispatch. Ib., p. 461. Drake's Indian Captivities, p. 68,

<sup>2</sup> The Sieur de la Valliere, N. Y. Declaration of Sylvanus Davis, Col. Doc., ix., p. 461. Mass. Hist. Coll., III, i., p. 107.

<sup>3</sup> Frontenac to the Minister, Nov. The exchange left 60 English prisoners still in Canada. Le Clercq, 12, 1690. N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 461. The French recovered Mr. de Grandville, Rev. Mr. Trouvé, and 443. Etablissement de la Foi, ii. p.