

head as Commandant in Acadia, with the Sieur de Portneuf, his brother, and lieutenant in his company, and some other Canadian officers to be chosen by the Governor-General.

1691.

Early in July, Villebon anchored off Quebec in the *Soleil d'Afrique*, the fastest vessel then in Europe,<sup>1</sup> but his affairs were not furthered by his having been so expeditious. In Canada all were convinced that the English were preparing to return, and at such a juncture, the Count de Frontenac did not feel bound to deprive himself of the aid that he might derive from the *Soleil d'Afrique*; he detained her till the sixth of September, when, believing that he had no longer anything to fear from the English, he permitted the Chevalier de Villebon to depart, after furnishing him with all that his orders required.

It was not till the twenty-sixth of November that Villebon reached Port Royal; as soon as he weighed anchor he manned his long boat, and embarking with fifty soldiers and two peteteros, advanced to the houses where he perceived the English flag, but found no English to guard it. He lowered it, and ran up that of France in its stead. The next day he collected the settlers, and, in their presence, made in his majesty's name a new act of taking possession of Port Royal and all Acadia.<sup>2</sup>

He takes possession of Port Royal.

The Sieur des Gouttins, who had come with him to resume the office of Commissaire Ordonnateur, notified him that he had buried a sum of thirteen hundred livres remaining in his hands when Phibs captured the place, and this money was found just as he had left it. The Commissaire, who alone knew of it, and might have appropriated it had he been a less honest man, employed a part to pay an officer what was due him on his salary, and put the rest in the king's treasury. He lost nothing

<sup>1</sup> She is said to have made seven leagues an hour. *Charlevoix*. maquid seized Hegeman and two others, sent by Gov. Sloughter of

<sup>2</sup> N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 526. Em- N. Y. Hist. MS., xxxviii., p. 212, boldened by this, the Indians at Pe- xxxix., p. 179.