

sure that the English would not pursue them. Mr. de Villieu at the same time induced the chiefs to accompany him to Quebec, where they presented to de Frontenac, the scalps of the English killed at Pescadoué; Father Bigot's Abénaquis, who had taken no part in the negotiations between the Malecites and the Governor of New England, followed de Villieu closely, and all renewed their protestations of inviolable fidelity to the French general.¹

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While the English were thus severely handled in New England, by a handful of Indians, they received in Hudson's Bay a check, which they felt still more keenly. On the 24th of September, d'Iberville and de Serigny arrived at the mouth of St. Teresa river² after running great risk from the ice with which they found the whole bay covered. They landed the same day, and the next night forty Canadians invested by land the fort, whose capture was the object of this expedition.³ I have elsewhere remarked that what is properly called Port Nelson, is a kind of bay, which receives the waters of the St. Teresa and Bourbon rivers, and that the fort to which the English gave the same name, stands on the bank of the former river, half a league from its mouth.⁴

Description
of Port
Nelson.

On the 27th after, the Poli, commanded by de Serigny, had transferred to the Salamandre, d'Iberville's ship, all needed for the siege, the two brothers endeavored to approach the fort, but the ice detained them a whole month,⁵ and nearly crushed the Salamandre. At last on, the 28th of October,⁶ this ship anchored a mile above the fort, and

¹ De la Potherie, Histoire de l'Amérique Sept., p. 258, 229, 243.

² They sailed from Quebec, August 10. Jérémie, Relation de la Baye de Hudson. Voyages du Nord, iii., p. 325. He calls the vessels Poli and Charante. Father Marest, Lettres Edifiantes, vol. x. Travels of Missionaries, &c., p. 259, and De la Potherie, i., p. 166, call the latter the Salamandre. Marest wrote long after, and is apparently in error here, though, on the expedition. This ex-

pedition had been solicited by the Northern Company. Canada Doc., II., vi. p. 243, 245.

³ Jérémie, Relation, de la Baye de Hudson. p. 325. De la Potherie, Histoire de l'Amérique, Sept., i., p. 166.

⁴ Ante, vol. iii., p. 237

⁵ This seems to be an error, compare Jérémie, i., p. 326.

⁶ This should apparently be September. Jérémie, p. 326.