

in the execution of a single article was enough to derange the whole, and several were committed. The first was the negligence of those to whom the equipment of the ships was confided. "The repairs of the frigate *Embuscade*," says Mr. de Callieres in one of his letters, "which detained us twenty-seven days at Rochelle, caused this delay, with the necessity of escorting merchantmen, generally heavily laden and poor sailers."

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The result was that not till the 12th of September could Mr. de Frontenac reach *Chedaboutou*, which had been assigned as a rendezvous for the vessels; and the merchantmen, which had been separated from him for a week by the constant fogs on the Great Bank of Newfoundland, did not rejoin him till the 18th. The next day he left the *Embuscade*, on which he had sailed thus far, and embarked on the *Saint Francis Xavier*, after arranging with Mr. de la Caffiniere what it was prudent to do at so advanced a season. The instructions which he left him prove that, if he did not yet renounce the New York expedition, he did not reckon much on its success.

These instructions directed that, as soon as he completed taking in wood and water, he should sail in the *Fourgon* to escort the *Union* to Port Royal, where that ship was to discharge ammunition and provisions; that he should carry off all the English vessels he might meet on his way, but without entering into any hazardous engagement; that he should especially endeavor to get an English pilot, who could instruct him as to the best anchorages from Boston to Manhattan; that he should make as short a stay as possible at Port Royal, where he was to acquire all information necessary for the execution of his design, without disclosing it to any one except Mr. de Manneval, governor of Acadia, giving all others to understand that he had orders only to cruise off the coast and prevent the enemy from continuing their ravages.

Instructions given to Mr. de la Caffiniere by the Count de Frontenac.

That he should then sail straight for Manhattan; and if he should reach the bay before the first of November, he