

a vessel, with all its rigging, to carry them wherever they chose to go. 1689.

This was granted, with, however, some restriction as to the number of the English who should be permitted to follow their officers. All the others remained prisoners, and d'Iberville was especially careful to release none of the pilots. In the month of June,<sup>1</sup> Mr. de Ste. Helene having come to join his two brothers, handed to Mr. d'Iberville an order from the Governor General to bring the larger of his two prizes to Quebec. He obeyed, sailing from St. Anne on the 12th of September with Ste. Helene<sup>2</sup> and the more important of his prisoners, leaving Maricourt, with thirty-six men, to guard the posts at the head of the bay, where, to all appearance, the English would soon endeavor to have their revenge. On his way, he fell in with an English ship, bearing young Chouart, who had not been able to extricate himself from the hands of the English since the surprise of Port Nelson. He longed to attack this vessel, but his force was insufficient, and he had prisoners to guard.<sup>3</sup>

In default of strength, he had recourse to stratagem: he raised the English flag, and the Captain, taking him for a real Englishman, agreed to sail in company, d'Iberville to carry a light during the night, and at the first clear weather they were to visit each other. D'Iberville's design was to seize the Captain and the crew of the boat that brought him, then to board the English ship, where he hoped to find little resistance; but they experienced such severe weather as far as the mouth of Hudson's Strait, that they had to separate, without seeing each other, and d'Iberville reached Quebec safely on the 25th of October.<sup>4</sup>

The check received by the English this same year from the Canibas was even more humiliating than the manner

<sup>1</sup> He reached St. Anne August 15.  
Canada Doc., II, v., p. 72.

<sup>3</sup> Canada Doc., II, v., p. 69.

<sup>2</sup> Ste. Helene set out for Montreal  
by canoe. Canada Doc., II, v., p. 72.

<sup>4</sup> The 28th or 29th, according to  
Canada Doc., II, v., pp. 69, 73. See  
N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 443.