

in at Madeira without losing a week uselessly; that their enterprise required all secrecy, especially as regarded the Spaniards, who could not fail to take umbrage if they became aware of it, but from whom it could not be concealed if they showed themselves at an island so near the Canaries, which belonged to the Spanish monarch; in a word, that it was not his Majesty's intention, as no one could be better aware than himself.¹

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This reply greatly displeased de Beaujeu, and set the crew against Mr. de la Sale. A Huguenot passenger named Paget,² at this time spoke quite violently to Mr. de la Sale, who asked the commandant whether it was by his orders that a man of that stamp thus lost all respect for him. Mr. de Beaujeu coldly replied "No," and took no steps to have any apology made for the insult. La Sale smothered his resentment; yet there was not a soul aboard but began to augur ill of an expedition in which the commanders seemed to have such opposite views and interests.³

Quarrel of
de Beaujeu
and de la
Sale.

It was still worse when they reached St. Domingo; de la Sale bore orders from the Minister to Mr. de Cussi, who commanded for the king on that island,⁴ and these orders concerned his enterprise. Mr. de Cussi's ordinary residence was at Port de Paix, on the north shore of the island, and the natural course was to proceed to that point. This Mr. de Beaujeu did not find suitable, and proceeded to anchor at Petit Goave, on the west shore, which he reached on the 27th of September.⁵ He there learned that the Governor was at Port de Paix, with the

¹ Joutel (*Journal Historique*, p. 16) says they came in sight of Madeira on the 20th.

² Burgher of La Rochelle, Joutel MS.

³ Joutel, *Journal Historique*, pp. 17-18.

⁴ Joutel, p. 23, says Governor of la Tortue or Tortugas.

⁵ Joutel (*Journal Historique*, pp. 18-24) and Le Clercq (*Etablis-*
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ment, ii., p. 279) mention the dispersion of the fleet, Sept. 14th. The Joli reached Petit Goave first, followed by the Aimable and Belle. The St. François put in at Port de Paix and was captured by two Spanish periaguas while on her way to join the squadron. See, too, Cavelier (*Relation du Voyage*, p. 6, and *Memoire au Roy*, Ms.)