

1685. This loss, great as it was in itself, had still more distressing results. The ammunition, implements, tools, and, in general, all needed for a new settlement, were in the store-ship. De la Sale, whose anxiety to rescue his men had exceeded his care to prevent a dreaded misfortune, on effecting his first design, hastened to the spot where the ship had gone ashore, and found all inactive. He begged Mr. de Beaujeu to lend him his long-boat and yawl, and obtaining them without difficulty, began to save the crew; he then turned his attention to the powder and flour; then to the wine and brandy; and about thirty barrels were taken ashore.¹

Consequences of this loss.

Had the store-ship's boat been able to assist the Joli's, almost all might have been discharged; but it was intentionally lost,² and night coming on, they had to defer completing the unloading till daylight; some hours after, the wind from seaward springing up, and the waves rising, the store-ship was driven on the rocks, which laid her open; quantities of goods were swept through the breach, and tossed to and fro by the waves. This was not seen till daybreak; then thirty more barrels of wine and brandy, with some barrels of flour, salt meat, and vegetables, were saved; all the rest was lost.³

To crown their misfortunes, they began to find themselves surrounded by Indians,⁴ who, in spite of all precautions to prevent their taking advantage of the embarrassing position of the French, carried off several articles saved from the wreck. This was not even perceived till these savages had retired with their booty. They had

¹ Joutel, *Journal Historique*, p. 80. Cronologico, p. 294) says that the fort was on the territory of the Quelanhubeches and Bahamas.

² It was cut loose or destroyed the first night. Joutel, *Journal*, p. 81.

³ Joutel, *Journal Historique*, p. 81.

⁴ These Indians were apparently the Bracamos (Cavelier, *Relation*, p. 12), perhaps the same as the Hebahamos of Joutel. Barcia (*Ensayo*

does not give them in his list of Texas tribes, but apparently includes them among the Caranaguaces.