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in which he was killed; but it changes many circumstances in the account of the murder. Larchevêque is there styled d'Yvetot,<sup>1</sup> and perhaps bore both names; no mention is made of the German, Hiens, but of an English soldier, whom it calls Jemme, and of one Mûnier.<sup>2</sup> It adds that it was a servant of the Sieur d'Yvetot, of whom Mr. de la Sale asked where Moranget was, and that he, according to his master's orders, replied abruptly, with his hat on, that he was along the river; that la Sale, shocked at this insolent fashion of answer, threatened the servant, who replied still more insolently; that la Sale advanced to strike him; that the servant, as agreed upon among the assassins, started to run toward the spot where they were concealed; and that when de la Sale came within reach, they all fired together; but only one aimed well.

Be that as it may, such nearly was the tragical end of Robert Cavelier, Sieur de la Sale, a man of a capacity, grasp of mind, courage and firmness of soul, that might have raised him to some grand achievement, if, with all these good qualities, he could have mastered his sombre and melancholy disposition, curbed his severity, or rather the harshness of his temper, and repressed the haughtiness with which he treated, not only those who depended entirely on him, but even his associates, some of whom, as we are assured, especially two of his assassins, had advanced a great part of the funds for his enterprise, and consequently were deeply interested in it.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> These statements are not in my extract, which states that Duhaut and James killed their four companions, and lay in wait for La Salle; that Duhaut fired first, and killed him on the spot.

<sup>2</sup> Pierre Meusnier is mentioned as retiring to the Cenis, with Peter Talon, after the assassination. Larchevêque is mentioned in the 5th

article as a young man, of Bayonne, apparently of a good family, and well educated. He was carried off by the Spaniards, with Groulé, a sailor.

<sup>3</sup> See Joutel's appreciation of his character (*Journal Historique*, p. 202), and Father Anastasius's, *Le Clercq*, ii., p. 339; *Voyages au Nord*, v., p. 244.