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Pensacola.

of October<sup>1</sup> in the ensuing year and on the 11th of December anchored off Cap François in St. Domingo.<sup>2</sup> They then proceeded to Leogane to confer with Ducasse, Governor of St. Domingo, who already knew d'Iberville well by reputation,<sup>3</sup> and who, after conversing with him on his projects, wrote to the Count de Pontchartrain that his views and his genius seemed to him to equal his valor and ability in war.<sup>4</sup>

On the last day of the year<sup>5</sup> the two captains set sail again and on the 27th of January, 1699, came in sight of the main land of Florida.<sup>6</sup> They ran in as near as possible without risking their vessels on a coast they did not know, and sent the *Sieur Lescalette* to lay in wood and water and at the same time make inquiries.<sup>7</sup> On his return this officer informed them that they were opposite a bay called Pensacola, where three hundred Spaniards had recently come from Vera Cruz to settle; and it was afterwards known that the object of this settlement was to anticipate the French.<sup>8</sup>

caut, Relation ou Annales Veritables, Ch. I. § 1, gives the Renommée as Iberville's frigate, and evidently misled Charlevoix. Chateamoraud sailed from France Oct. 15, in the *François*, accompanied by the *Wesp*. Journal du Voyage, Dec. 11. Letter of officer on the *François* in French, p. 21.

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<sup>1</sup> Oct. 24, 1698.

<sup>2</sup> Dec. 4, 1698. Journal du Voyage; Bénard de la Harpe p. 4; Penicaut, Relation, Ch. I. § 1.

<sup>3</sup> Du Casse was a captain in the Navy; Bénard de la Harpe p. 4.

<sup>4</sup> On Dec. 11th the *François* and *Wesp* came in sight. See note 2, p. 117.

<sup>5</sup> The *François*, *Badine* and *Marin* sailed in company Dec. 31, '98—Jany. 1, '99. Journal du Voyage. The first as escort, Letter of an officer in the *François*, French p. 21; Bénard de la Harpe, p. 4. Penicaut, writing from memory, says 29th.

<sup>6</sup> They came in sight of land on the 23d. Journal du Voyage, 24th; Officer's Letter.

<sup>7</sup> On the 26th they saw two Spanish vessels in a harbor and the next day *Sieur de Lesquelet* was sent to reconnoitre. Journal du Voyage.

<sup>8</sup> Journal du Voyage; Bénard de la Harpe, p. 5. The Journal seems to imagine that the Spaniards settled there only four months before; but it was in 1696 that General Andrew de Arriola sailed from Vera Cruz and founded the town of Santa Maria de Galve de Pensacola, with its fort San Carlos. Barcia, Ensayo Cronologico, p. 316. The place took its name from the *Penzocolos*, an extinct tribe. Ib.