

portant ravages, but killed about three hundred men. Moreover, the essential point was to get the Abénaquis so involved in it, that they could not draw back.¹

1703.

Towards the close of autumn the English, who despaired of gaining those Indians, made incursions into their country and massacred all who were surprised.² The chiefs applied to Mr. de Vaudreuil for aid, and during the winter he sent them two hundred and fifty men, commanded by the Sieur Hertel de Rouville, seconded lieutenant, worthily replacing his father, whom age and infirmity incapacitated for such long expeditions. Four other sons accompanied Rouville, who in his turn surprised the English, killed many, and took one hundred and fifty prisoners. He lost only three Frenchmen and some Indians, but was himself wounded.³

Newfoundland was also the scene of minor operations. Mr. de Subercase, who had succeeded de Brouillan as Governor of Placentia, was not a man to leave the English quiet, and he imparted his energy to all his officers.⁴ Lieutenant Amariton of the infantry achieved quite an exploit. With four soldiers, and forty-eight volunteers and sailors, he attacked Forillon⁵ in broad day, and bearding three hundred English who were in the harbor, he stormed

Exploits of
a French
officer in
New-
foundland.

¹ On the 10th of August they attacked Wells, Cape Porpoise, Scarborough, Spurwink, Purpooduck and Casco. The last place was relieved by Capt. Southwick and Beaubassin drew off. New England accounts admit a loss of 155 killed. Williamson's Maine, ii., p. 44; Folson's Saco, p. 198.

² N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 762.

³ This was the attack on Deerfield, Feb. 28, 1704, O. S. Hutchinson's Massachusetts, II., p. 127; New Hampshire Hist. Coll., I., p. 29. Cornbury to Nottingham, June 22, 1704. N. Y. Col. Doc., iv., p. 1099. It was in this incursion that the celebrated Rev. John Williams with

his family were taken. See Redeemed Captive returning to Zion. (Edition 1853.) Eleazar Williams, who set up a claim to be Louis XVII., was descended from his daughter, Eunice Williams. See Hanson's Lost Prince. N. Y., 1854. At Deerfield 35 were killed. The Tarbells, who became chiefs at Caughnawaga and St. Regis, were taken in this war at Groton. Hutchinson, Mass. ii., p. 129.

⁴ De Subercase, Gov. of Fort St. Louis of Placentia, appointed Gov. of Acadia April 10, 1706, vice de Brouillan deceased. N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 803.

⁵ Ferryland.