

1704. coast of that country he had the misfortune to be attacked ; he fought with a bravery that would have ensured success had the disparity of force been less, and his defeat was scarcely less honorable to him than his victory. The King accordingly wished to secure him for his service by giving him an appointment in the navy, and he showed himself till death worthy of the honor.

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Royal.

But what completely convinced the Indians of the superiority of our troops over the English, was the unsuccessful attempt of the Bostonians on Port Royal, and the want of courage they displayed. De Brouillan, Governor of Acadia, had received certain intelligence that he would be attacked ; however, instead of taking precautions as he should, he thought only of carrying the war among the enemy,<sup>1</sup> and wrote for de Vaudr uil's consent. He was accordingly surprised. At sunrise, on the second of July, men came to announce that there were English vessels in the basin of Port Royal ; that they had even landed troops, captured the guard at the entrance, consisting of only three men, and taken several settlers.

By noon, the number of the enemy's vessels had increased to ten, namely, one of 50 guns, one of 30, the Boston galley of 12, and seven brigantines, all anchored before the entrance to the basin, within two leagues of the fort. So at least the Marquis de Vaudreuil states in a letter to Mr. de Pontchartrain, but the Governor of Acadia, in his letter to the same minister, avers that the enemy had twenty-two vessels, and that the flagship carried 70 guns. The two versions may be reconciled by adding to the fleet that besieged Port Royal, that which had stopped at the Mines, twenty-two leagues off, and there burned several houses.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> When he knew that eighteen vessels lay at St. John to attack Placentia and Port Royal, he proposed to attack Boston. Letter Oct. 4, 1703. Canada Doc., III. ii., p. 576.

<sup>2</sup> This was the expedition under Col. Church. He had 550 soldiers in

14 transports, and had 36 whale boats ; he was convoyed by the Jersey, 48, Capt. Thos. Smith ; Gosport, 32, Capt. Geo. Rogers, and the Province Snow, 14 guns. Hutchinson, ii., p. 132 ; Penhallow, p. 28 ; Church's Indian War, ii., p. 104, &c. They arrived off Port Royal about