

suddenly, and soon after fifty long-boats were seen making for the ships, and the whole detachment retreating.

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action.

Then the Governor sent out the *Sieur de la Boularderie*, ensign in a man-of-war, with 150 men to reinforce *St. Castin's* troop, and followed close himself with 120 men to support him, leaving *de Bonaventure* in the fort, where everything was in good condition. He then advanced to reconnoitre the enemy, and he saw them retiring towards their boats. He at once ordered *la Boularderie* to follow them, and if they seemed about to embark to attack them.¹

That officer, burning with impatience to engage them, marched too rapidly, and began the attack with, at most, seventy or eighty men; he sprang into one of their intrenchments, carried it, killing many; stimulated by this first success, he threw himself into a second intrenchment, where he received a sabre-wound in the body and another in the hand. *St. Castin* and *Saillant* took his place. The two sides met and fought desperately with axes and clubbed muskets, and the enemy, to the number of fourteen or fifteen hundred men, retreated at least fifteen hundred paces towards their boats.

However, some of their officers, ashamed to run before so small a force, rallied them against our men, who in turn fell back towards the wood, *St. Castin* and *Saillant* having also been wounded: but seeing the enemy return, they wheeled and showed such a bold front that the English durst not approach. They merely gave a few volleys and again drew off. *De Subercase* seized the moment to carry off his wounded and rest his troops. After the lapse of an hour he ordered *Granger*, a very brave colonist, again to lead *de la Boularderie's* detachment against the English, who did not wait to receive him, but ran to embark, as they did in great confusion.²

¹ *Louis Simon de St. Aubin le Poupet*, Chevalier de *la Boularderie*. *Anthony de Saillant* died September 8. *Subercase* pursued the English with 250 men, and while in

woods, sent on *de la Boularderie*, *St. Castin* and *de Saillant* with 60 men.

² The *Gazette* says that being informed by an Indian that there were only 300 men on the beach, they