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a hive of settlers, and it would not be difficult to recruit them annually, so as to keep them always full.

3d, In regard to the transportation of settlers, the necessity of supplying the colony for the two first years with provisions, the munitions and merchandise to be sent there, the fortifications to be erected there, the money to be put in circulation at first, the annual charge, the domain and seigniorial rights, grants made in favor of communities and individuals, import and export duties; all this was set forth in detail by the two magistrates, with admirable exactness, intelligence, order and precision, upheld by solid and thorough proofs, to prove evidently that the King risked nothing in making the advances for this settlement; that these advances were not so great as might be imagined, and that they might be refunded in three years. The younger Mr. Raudot nevertheless, in 1708, deemed it more expedient not to proceed so fast, and to establish the new colony gradually; to begin by sending troops there, who might carry on the fishery, then hired men and sailors from France, a part of whom should become settlers.<sup>1</sup>

Why the project was not then carried out.

Apparently the war, which continued some years longer and engaged all the forces of the kingdom and all the attention of the ministry, prevented the King's council from then adopting so fine a project, so well digested, and apparently advantageous alike to France and New France. The fact is, that after ceding Placentia and Acadia to the English Crown, the French had no longer any place to dry their codfish, and even fish in peace, except at Cape Breton; hence the necessity of a solid colony and fortifications there.

Description of Havre à l'Anglois, afterward called Louysbourg.

They began by changing its name and styling it Isle Royale. They then deliberated on the selection of the port to be made the head quarters; and they were long undecided between Havre à l'Anglois and Port St. Anne. The former, as already remarked, is one of the finest har-

<sup>1</sup> Memoires, Canada Doc., III. v., pp. 1197-1255; Jefferys, pp. 121 &c.