

Mr. de Brouillan then wished to return to St. John, passionately desirous of capturing it without d'Iberville's assistance; but a misunderstanding between him and the St. Malo men obliged him to steer to Forillon, which he carried sword in hand, in spite of the vigorous resistance of Sieur Clasby, captain of the Zephyr, who was made prisoner with all his men. Aiguefort, Freneuse and Rognouse, cost him only the trouble of a march overland, for he found these posts deserted. He declared that had the St. Malo men obeyed his orders, they would have captured a great many merchantmen, which were in all these ports. Nevertheless he took about thirty in this expedition, after which he returned to Placentia, less flattered by these minor successes, than mortified at his failure to take St. John, and much incensed at the St. Malo men, who in return complained loudly of him.

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He arrived at his post on the 17th of October, and there found d'Iberville, who had been unable to join him from want of provisions. He had not however lost his time; for after several excursions to reconnoitre the country, after receiving by the Wesp and Postillon the reinforcements of men and the provisions he expected from Quebec, he made his preparations to go and attack Carbonniere, the most northerly English post. He was on the point of sailing thither, when Mr. de Brouillan landed at Placentia. He imparted his design to that governor, but the latter flatly declared that he did not relish the project and would not consent to it, and that if d'Iberville persisted, he would prevent the Canadians from accompanying him.

He quarrels  
with  
d'Iberville.

D'Iberville knew him well enough to fear that, if he gainsayed him, de Brouillan would force matters to some disastrous extremity. He accordingly deemed it better to yield, resolved even to sail back to France, and leave the Governor of Placentia in command of an expedition in which he despaired of acting in concert with him; but the Canadians no sooner learned this resolve, than they all to a man declared, that they were bound to him alone; that they had Frontenac's orders to recognize him as their com-

The  
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rise in  
favor of  
d'Iberville.