

Profond, and so compel him to remain on Newfoundland, where he would not be sorry to see him out of spite stand with folded arms, while he had all the honor and profit of reducing St. John.

1696.

Yet the governor was not free from uneasiness, on the score of the Canadians; he felt that he was about to light up a civil war, in which he would not perhaps be the stronger: nor was he even sure of having in his favor all the men from his own jurisdiction; moreover he had too much sense not to foresee that the consequences of this affair, result as it might, could not fail to be disastrous, and would be laid to him. On the other hand, d'Iberville, naturally moderate, did nothing to fan the fire, and resolved to leave the Governor of Placentia in the wrong completely. Yet he was not a little embarrassed himself, by the inability, to which he was reduced, of fulfilling his engagements with the Canadians, and he feared that he had not sufficient authority over them, to prevent their righting themselves by force of arms. These reflections, calmly made on both sides, produced a third reconciliation. There were mutual promises, to discuss nothing more.

They are again mutually appeased.

The army at once moved for Bay de Toulle, which is six leagues from Forillon,<sup>1</sup> and arriving there the same day found an English vessel of a hundred tons, abandoned by the crew, who had fled to the woods with all the inhabitants of the place. On the 24th, d'Iberville sent out several detachments of Canadians as scouts, all of which took prisoners, and on the 26th, the day fixed for their departure from Bay de Toulle, he himself took the lead with seven Canadians to seize a height, from which the English might have reconnoitred his army and impeded his march.<sup>2</sup>

The army marches on St. John.

After advancing about three leagues, he came upon one of his parties, which had pushed through to St. John, and kept it with him. A little farther on he saw thirty Englishmen who had discovered his army; he pursued them, and with

Vigorous action of d'Iberville.

<sup>1</sup> Ferryland Point.

<sup>2</sup> De la Potherie, i., p. 30.