

1696. them entered a little harbor, from which they had come, crossed a very rapid river, up to his waist in water, carried by assault a kind of intrenchment, which the English defended quite well, and remained master of the harbor. The enemy lost thirty-six men, killed on the spot, with several taken; the rest escaped to St. John.¹

Montigny's
exploits.

That evening the army joined d'Iberville in the same place, and there he was obliged to remain all the next day, by a snow so thick that it darkened the air, and lasted till night. Montigny, who could not remain inactive, and who was the most troublesome neighbor that the English could have, in spite of the storm made a reconnoissance through the woods, and brought in several prisoners. He was the same officer who was wounded at the attack on Schenectady,² and who greatly distinguished himself at the siege of Pemkuit.

On the morning of the 28th, the whole army marched in order, Montigny with thirty other Canadians in the van, five hundred paces ahead of the main body. De Brouillan and d'Iberville followed at the head of the troops,³ having with them Nescambiouit,⁴ an Abénaqui chief, a brave man, who was at Versailles in 1706 caressed and loaded with presents by the king. The garrison of Placentia was at the head, but it was agreed that the Canadians were to begin the attack.

After a march of two hours and a half, Montigny saw within pistol-shot a body of eighty-eight English, advantageously posted behind some rocks. He fired upon them without hesitation, and they, seeing only thirty men, replied with a volley of musketry, and awaited them in their post with great resolution. Montigny held firm on his side, keeping up a constant fire while awaiting the army, which soon came up. De Brouillan attacked the enemy

¹ Canada Documents, II. viii., p. 58. De la Potherie, i., p. 31.

² Ante, vol. iv., p. 125.

³ Canada Documents, II. viii., p. 52, De la Potherie, i., p. 31.

⁴ De la Potherie calls him Pierre

Jeanbeovilh, p. 27, the printer having made the first letters into Pierre Jean instead of Nescam, and then in despair made beovilh out of biouit.