

1697. shore. The *Palmier* lost her rudder, and when she came in sight of the fort, had two leaks that kept her pumps constantly at work. Their arrival assured to d'Iberville the capture of the fort and gave him provisions: he accordingly abandoned the plan of storming, as no longer necessary and likely to cost many lives.

The next day, December 10th, he landed half a league from the fort with a boat loaded with mortars and shells, at the spot where the *Pelican's* crew were already encamped. He at once threw up batteries, and on the 12th began to throw shells. Henry Bailay, the commandant of the fort, apparently but awaited this to surrender. The next day he beat a parley and agreed to surrender the fort on the following terms: 1. That his papers, and his account books which belonged to the London Company, should not be touched: 2. That officers and men should retain their chests, clothes and property in general: 3. That they should be treated like the French: 4. That they should be at once sent to England: 5. That the garrison should march out with all marks of honor, and not be disarmed.¹

As soon as this capitulation was signed, the commandant marched out with fifty-two men, seventeen of whom belonged to the crew of the *Hudson Bay*: for it may be judged that in the confusion of the wreck of that vessel and the *Pelican*, the French were more engaged in saving their own lives than in guarding their prisoners, so that they retained only those who were afraid to face the danger of making their way in an unknown country, during a very dark night. Those who escaped were included in the capitulation, and thus recovered their liberty.

D'Iberville having taken possession of his conquest, appointed the *Sieur de Martigny* commandant, and *Mr. de Boisbriand*, brother of *Mr. Dugué*, King's lieutenant. As the *Palmier* was utterly unfit to go to sea, she was run up the river and anchored near the fort. *Serigny*, who remained to take her back to France in case she could be repaired, kept only fifty men, and d'Iberville embarked on

¹ Canada Documents, III. viii., p 249. *Jérémie, Relation &c.*, p. 332.