

Minister, but to the Gentlemen of the General Company of the West Indies. By their care and liberality, they have contributed greatly [13] to this country's present flourishing condition, and to the planting of the Missions, which, throughout this Relation, will be seen extending to the distance of more than 500 leagues from here, and for whose maintenance these Gentlemen spare no expense. We have this year seen eleven vessels, laden with all sorts of wares, anchored in the roadstead of Quebec. We have seen land taken up by many workmen, and also girls, who people our colony and add to the number of our fields. Flocks of sheep meet our eyes, and many horses, which thrive finely in this country and render it great service. And the accomplishment of all this at his Majesty's expense obliges us to acknowledge all the results of his Royal kindness, by vows and prayers which we [14] constantly address to Heaven, and with which our Churches reëcho, for the welfare of his sacred person. To him alone is due the whole glory of having put this country in such a condition that, if the course of events in the future correspond to that of the past two years, we shall fail to recognize Canada, and shall see our forests, which have already greatly receded, changing into Towns and Provinces which may some day be not unlike those of France.