

our roadstead two more vessels, laden each with four Companies,—Monsieur de Salieres, Colonel of the Regiment, at their head.

The soldiers, being in good health, after a short period of recuperation on land, started out under the lead of the said *Sieur de Salieres*, to go with the utmost expedition and build two additional forts,—one at the mouth of the *Richelieu* river, the other above the Falls, below which the first fort had already been built.

On the twelfth of September appeared two other vessels, one named the *Saint Sebastien*, and the other the *Jardin de Hollande*; and two days later a third, called the [120] *Justice*, bearing eight Companies.

Our period of waiting was thus happily brought to an end, since these vessels brought Monsieur de Courcelles, Lieutenant-general for the King in this country, and Monsieur Talon, Intendant for his Majesty.

Monsieur de Courcelles, breathing nothing but war, immediately set about serving his Majesty therein under Monsieur de Tracy's orders,—proceeding by water, in rather inclement weather, to visit the works in progress at a distance of forty, fifty, and sixty leagues from Quebec, in order to prepare for the Campaign of next Spring and Summer.

Monsieur Talon made it evident to us at the outset that the King loves this country, and has great plans for its upbuilding—convincing us by [121] his verbal assurances to that effect, and also, much more, by his personal merits, which cause us already to taste the sweets of a superintendence so guided by reason, and of a policy in all respects Christian.