

continually looked down upon them from heaven that he might urge them to follow him.

VISIT PAID BY MONSEIGNEUR THE BISHOP OF QUEBEC,
AND MONSIEUR THE INTENDANT, TO THE SAV-
AGES OF LA PRAIRIE DE LA MAGDELEINE,
WHERE THE MISSION OF SAINT FRAN-
ÇOIS XAVIER IS ESTABLISHED.

ON the twentieth day of May, while Reverend Father Claude Dablon, superior of the Missions of the Society of Jesus in New France, was here on his visit, we learned that Monseigneur de Laval, the first bishop of Quebec, was only three leagues from Montreal, which he was to enter on the following day. Upon receiving this news, the Father superior took Father Cholenec⁵⁰ with him, to go to pay his respects to His Lordship. They found that apostolic prelate with the train and equipage of a prince of the primitive Church. This man, who is great by his birth, and still more by his virtues,—which have recently made him the admiration of France, and which on his last voyage to Europe justly won for him the king's esteem and approval,—this great man, I say, while visiting his diocese was conveyed in a small bark canoe by two peasants, with no other suite than a single ecclesiastic. He had with him merely a wooden crozier, a very simple miter, and only such other ornaments as were absolutely necessary for a *golden bishop*, as the authors say when speaking of the first prelates of Christianity. As in this miserable canoe he was exposed to all the inclemency of the weather, he reached Montreal on the twenty-first day of the