

foreign heretical countries; and everywhere the utmost desolation. All the inhabitants of Canada were convinced that it was God's cause, and that they would be fighting for God, and also that God would combat for them. Accordingly, they were so resolved and determined to fight and to be victorious that they would have shed the last drop of their blood rather than yield, or enter into any agreement with those perfidious enemies of God and of the church; and, if God permitted that they should die in battle, they looked upon such a death as a glorious martyrdom.

While affairs were in this state, we Had public prayers said every day in all the churches, especially to the Blessed Virgin and to the Holy angels, to obtain the aid of heaven. On the vigil of St. Michael's day, the 28th of september, a strong wind arose from the northeast which is the Favorable wind for vessels ascending the River St. Lawrence to Quebec. This Led every one to think that in 2 or 3 days the enemy's Fleet would be in our harbor. We all expected this, and were in very great anxiety on the 2nd day of october—when 2 men, named Monsieur Dustisné and Monsieur Plassan,<sup>39</sup> who came from France, suddenly made their appearance on horseback in broad daylight at Quebec. They Were at once surrounded by a Crowd of people anxious to learn how they had come, and what news they brought from France. They reported that they had come in a king's ship, the *Heros*; that they had landed from it 12 leagues below here, and had left it there awaiting a favorable wind; that they had made the whole voyage without any unfortunate accident, and without having seen any hostile ship—either in the Gulf, or in any part of the whole River. We

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