

rank.²⁹ When we were told at Kébec that there were many persons at Tadoussac who were coming to increase our Colony,— that nothing was seen down there but men, women and little children,— we praised God, and prayed him to bestow his holy benediction upon these new Emigrants; but when we were assured that there were, among others, six Damsels, and some children as beautiful [152] as the day, that Messieurs de Repentigny and de la Poterie were establishing a large household, and that they were in good health, I leave you to imagine if joy did not take possession of our hearts, and surprise of our minds. All this was doubled in their presence; their elegance, their conversation, showed us the great difference there is between our French and our Savages. Who will now find difficulties in crossing our seas, since children so tender, Damsels so delicate, women naturally timid, ridicule and laugh at the vastness of the Ocean? Let us quickly bring this Chapter to a close. It remains to speak of our government, Ecclesiastical and Civil. I have already said that there is no chance here for Tricksters. The quarrels which I have seen arise up to the present have appeared only soon to disappear. Every one is his own Advocate, and the first person one meets judges as a final tribunal from which there is no appeal. If there is anything that is worth reporting to Monsieur the Governor, he despatches it in two words, or has it arranged and concluded by those who may have knowledge of the affair. [153] This is not saying that one cannot proceed judicially here, and that this has not been done occasionally; but as there are no great causes for dispute, so we can have no great trials, and consequently the