

Monseigneur, that the falling off Was due to the bad quality of the Scarlet cloth, And to the low price of Beaver skins. As soon as I Represented this to them they Sent out better cloth And raised the price of that Fur; this has contributed not a little to increase this year's Receipts.

I remain with very profound Respect, Monseigneur, Your very humble and very obedient servant

BEAUHARNOIS

QUEBEC, October 20th, 1738.

1739: MEMOIR OF LA RONDE

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Statement of the services rendered to his Majesty by Monsieur de La Ronde Denis, Knight of the Royal and Military order of St. Louis, first Captain and Commandant of the Troops of the Detachment of Marine, from 1687 to the year 1739.

1687 He was made a guardsman in the Marine¹ and served in the Department of Rochefort until 1689. He served with Vice-Admiral Monsieur de Gabaret, Chief of the Squadron,

1689 in the "St Michel" on board of which he took king james to Ireland, and in the same Campaign, he was present at the Battle of Bantry,² and at the capture of an Ostend privateer, mounting 18 Guns, which we took with Boats commanded by Monsieur Du Taré.

1690 He served in the "Courageux," Commanded by Monsieur Reale; and was at Brest with Monsieur the Marquis de Sevigny Montmeron; he was also present at the Battle of la Manche.³

¹ Equivalent to midshipman.—Ed.

² James II landed at Kinsale, Ireland, March 12, 1689. The English were defeated by the French in the naval battle of Bantry Bay in May of the same year.—Ed.

³ The battle of "la Manche" is known to English historians as that of Beachy Head, in which a French fleet of ten vessels defeated the allied Dutch and English fleet of fifty-six ships.—Ed.