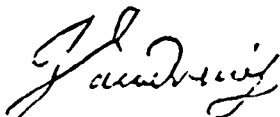


and was born at Quebec in 1698. Having entered the military service, he rose to a high rank. In 1733, he was appointed Governor of Three Rivers, and in 1743 of Louisiana, in both of which positions he was very popular. In 1748, he succeeded to his father's title. He studied the welfare of Canada, and was devotedly attached to his Sovereign. He would rather have died and sacrificed all he possessed, than tarnish the glory and honor of the arms of his country. Of the important events which took place during his administration, the limits of this article will not permit even a brief review. The capture of Louisburg and

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'J. de Vaudreuil', written in dark ink.

AUTOGRAPH OF MARQUIS DE VAUDREUIL.

Quebec, followed by the capitulation of Montreal, on the 7th and 8th of September, are well known to all Canadians. The latter day was made memorable by the signing of the Articles of Capitulation, which not only ceded Montreal, but the whole of Canada to the British. In the trying circumstance under which de Vaudreuil was placed, he pursued a wise course, and no one can justly impeach his loyalty or patriotism. After his return to France he was imprisoned in the Bastille on some charges preferred against him by the friends of Montcalm, but at his trial he was exonerated from these, and from all blame in his administration of the affairs in Canada. He was released from imprisonment, but stripped of nearly all his worldly possessions, and in 1764 he died. As he was the last Governor of Canada under French Domination, so undoubtedly was he one of the best. The latter assertion will be granted, particularly when the trying and arduous circumstances under which he labored are taken into consideration.