

and girls of the place accompanied them, as in this neighbourhood they are very charitable. The commander as well received great kindness in this place; and accommodated in the hospital of St. Jean de Luz, which is adjoining, a great number of them; continuing to have others in the hospitals, and charitable houses, along the road to Bayonne, ten or twelve leagues distant; where the greater part died; the others came as far as to the gates of Bayonne, to whom the captain gave six hundred crowns, to enable them to reach their houses, which he borrowed, causing them to be accommodated with carts from space to space throughout Gascony, by the medium of Le Sieur de Pasliere, governor of Bayonne, who furnished them with a commissary to guide them, and provide them quarters. The commander having thus provided for his people, took post at Bayonne aforesaid to proceed to Paris, in order to render account of his commission; and kissing the hand of the queen mother, from whom he had expressly received the orders for this expedition, he presented her with an abstract of this relation, adding, "Madam, I know very well that in relating my adventure, I must necessarily occupy too great a length of time upon a subject which can be but little agreeable to your majesty; I am extremely hurt, Madam, that my voyage was not undertaken with as much success in its favour, as I had inclination to give greater satisfaction to your majesty: You will see if you please, Madam, what has been dictated by truth in this paper; if you conceive that a fear for my own life can have made me forget for an instant the duty I owe your majesty, I bring you my head to answer for it." To which her majesty replied, "Monsieur le Commandeur, I know you are too honest a man to have failed in your duty, I thank you for the affection which I know you bear towards my service, and I reserve to myself a good disposition towards seeking the means of promoting your welfare."

END OF THE FIRST VOLUME

