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I find Col. Moody made Governor of Placentia, in 1713, and Col. Gledhill in 1719, of whose Management, having small Information, I can add no more to this Article.

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