

Port Latour (nine miles from Barrington) was the scene of one of the most romantic episodes in the history of Acadie. In 1627 Charles de la Tour, then at Fort Louis (Cape Sable), hearing of the English plan to drive the French from Acadie, and strong in his alliance with the Micmacs, wrote Louis XIII asking to be appointed Commandant of all the coasts of Acadie. His father, Claude de la Tour, took the letter, and on the way back was captured by Sir David Kirke, and taken to England. Here he renounced his loyalty to the French king, married an English lady, was made a Baronet of Nova Scotia, and received a large grant in Acadie for himself and son. Fortune indeed smiled upon him, and he did not hesitate to guarantee the allegiance of his son, and sailed with his wife and an escort of two warships, to where Charles was holding the last French fort in Acadie. To Sir Claude's disgust, Charles would have none of him; and, after besieging Fort S. Louis for two days, the English commander gave it up as a bad business and decided to return to England. Sir Claude was now "between the Devil and the Deep Sea;" in France as in England his head was in grave danger. Nothing remained but to throw himself on the mercy of his son, who established the couple and their suite in comfort, some distance from the fort, and took good care of their maintenance.