

ADDENDA.

DESCRIPTION GEOGRAPHIQUE ET HISTORIQUE DES COSTES
DE L'AMERIQUE SEPTENTRIONALE.

As I was unable to find Denys and Diéreville until after the greater part of this volume was already printed, it occurred to me that a few extracts from them would be acceptable.

Extracts from Denys' Book, Paris, 1672.

Vol. 1. p. 20. Thus it is that up to this time I have been unable to do anything in this country, as well on account of the wars raised against me by envy, as by the unfortunate fire, the cause of which I have never been able, as I have already said, to find out, &c.

P. 21. It is then very certain that one may dwell there with as much comfort as in France itself, if the envy of the French against each other did not ruin the designs of the best intentioned persons.

P. 22. The river of Pentagouët is wide enough at its mouth, and extends ten or twelve leagues inland. Vessels of 200 or 300 tons can go up it as far as the French fort, which is on the right hand in going in. The English have settled on the left, and have there many people, with a great extent of cleared land. The country there is very agreeable, and the land good. On both sides of the river the trees are handsome and in abundance, such as oak, birch, beech, ash, maple, and all other kinds that we have in France. There are also many wild pines.

P. 50. The savages of these parts carry their peltry by the river St. John to the English. M. D'aunay traded there in his time to the extent of 3000 moose skins a year, besides beavers and otters. This was the cause of his dispossessing M. de la Tour of it. These bays are called 'mines,' as the stones called 'mines,' anciently used for wheel arquebuses (les arquebuzes à rouët) are found there, and all who have been there say there are also mines of copper in many places.

P. 52. Port Royal is a very fine place, and a very fine basin of more than a league wide and about two in length. At the entrance there is 18 or 20 fathoms of water, and not less than from 4 to 6 fathoms of water between the land and the island called Goat island, which is about the middle of the basin. Large ships can be moored there as safely as if in a box. The bottom is good throughout. In the upper end of the basin there is a kind of point of land where M. D'aunay had placed a handsome and good fort. This point has two rivers, one on the right and the other on the left, which do not go very far inland. One is wide at its entrance, the other not so wide, but it is much deeper, and the tide goes up it