

"many of his followers with him, when the name which they had assumed ceased to be any longer used."

A careful study of the reckless assertion of the author of the SEQUEL, that I had succeeded in discovering a body that no one else had ever heard of, will, in the face of the above evidence, be quite sufficient to enable his readers to gauge the critical value of the whole performance.

With regard to the author of the SEQUEL's contradiction of my statement that Captain Ranald MacKinnon had assisted in completing the expulsion of the French, I must say that I believe that statement to be correct; although with the death of persons living at the time of the writing of my book, some specific means of proving certain statements have passed beyond my reach. The author of the SEQUEL speaks of MacKinnon's having "nothing to do with that disgraceful affair," as if a mere subaltern had any choice but to obey his superior officer, or, as if disobedience would have claimed some special merit. By referring to the date of the deportation of 1755, and then to the date of MacKinnon's first commission, in 1757, the author of the SEQUEL infers that the officer in question "had nothing to do with that disgraceful affair." My answer is that 1755 was but the date of the *beginning* of "that disgraceful affair," and that as late as 1761 the Highlanders were instrumental in deporting several hundreds of the Acadians from about the Bay de Chaleurs, for which service Captain Roderick McKenzie, who commanded the Highlanders, received the thanks of Governor Belcher in November of the same year, *that is, four years after the date of MacKinnon's commission*. It would have been prudent in the author of the SEQUEL to have held his peace, just as, about some things, I held mine; but, once the matter *is* stirred, the author of the SEQUEL becomes a strong witness that there is good *prima facie* evidence that Lieutenant MacKinnon took part in "that disgraceful affair." This much is certain, the mere allegation of a writer who is so utterly reckless in other matters, will certainly not establish the contrary.