

have been secured at the latter place. In order that there should be no lack of water supply at the fort in case of siege, a well had been dug down through the solid limestone in a slanting direction to the waters of the river, below the surface level. The farmer residing on the island, whose small house is located beneath the brow of the old fortification, informed us that in the bay beside the fort was sunk a smuggling vessel which had gone down many years ago with a valuable cargo of laces, silks, brandies and money, having struck a rock while making for shelter from a storm. He evidently believes it, although better accounts give it that the craft which went down was nothing more than an innocent lumber vessel.

THE CASE OF PIERRE DU CALVET.

AN ORIGINAL CANADIAN ANECDOTE.*



SOME years after the conquest of Quebec, there lived in the city of Montreal, a Gascon Merchant, named Du Calvert: he was a *Huguenot*, and wealthy, litigious, proud and jealous,—very rich in seignories and money. He imagined that the judges of Montreal slighted him, on account of his profession of faith, and his quality; and addressed a letter to them, taking for

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