

presented by M. Prevost. The capitulation was signed on 15th July, 1758, after a bloody siege of two months. On the day following our troops were drawn up and the colours and arms surrendered to Gen. Whitmore, who took command of the town. The evening before the English took possession of the town we suffered our soldiers to plunder the magazines, and the priests spent the whole night in marrying all the girls of the city to the first that would have them. No one here can perceive, at least by any personal inconvenience, that we are in a conquered town. The garrison has embarked with as much tranquillity as if it had been going on a voyage of pleasure. Every soldier has taken away whatever belongs to him without suffering the least injustice. M. De Dracourt has received all the honours which a person of his rank deserved; Admiral Boscawen has shown all the respect to Madame de Dracourt as were due to her merits. This lady has performed such exploits during the siege as must entitle her to rank among the most illustrious of her sex, for she fired three cannon every day in order to animate the gunners. After the surrender she interested herself in behalf of all the unfortunates, in this number M. Maillet de Grandville was a striking instance of the instability of fortune. He left France at the age of 17, arrived at Quebec in indifferent circumstances; by his industry and application to business he accumulated a vast fortune which enabled him to purchase the Lordship of St. Louis, which cost him 80 000 livres, but now by the taking of Louisburgh he is left quite destitute with a numerous family."