

years of age, Claude La Tour at first thought of settling in Acadia, near Port Royal. Seventeen years later Charles La Tour was elected governor of Acadia through the death of Biencourt, son of Pout-rincourt, whom he succeeded.

Claude De La Tour being taken prisoner by the English some time previous was conducted to London, where he was surrounded by caresses, made Baronet, and married to the first Maid of Honor of Queen Henriette of France, wife of Charles the I. the same Princess that was immortalized by Bos-suet. Claude De La Tour offered the King of Eng-land to secure him the keys of Fort St. Louis, the ably fortified post held by the French in Acadia. He sailed with two frigates for America and anchored under the walls of Fort St. Louis, of which but a few ruins remain, and proposed to his son to deliver the place to him. In return he assured him the greatest honors awaited him in London, and the supreme Government of Acadia in the name of the King of Great Britain. "Father," answered Chas. De La Tour indignantly, "you are greatly mistaken if you think I would deliver this fort into the hands of the enemies of this State. I will defend it for the King, my master, as long as I have a breath in my body. I highly esteem the position offered me by the King of England, but will never purchase it at the price of treason. The Prince I serve is able to re-compense me, but should he forget me, in my fidelity I will find the best of all rewards."

Seeing there was no alternative he landed his troops and cannon and attacked the fort, where he was gallantly repulsed and forced to retreat. Becoming at the same time a traitor of France and the cause of a disaster to England, the poor unfortunate dared not return to Europe. He advised his wife to return