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WE might, or rather should have mentioned in our last chapter, as a circumstance of no small importance in that minor portion of the history of Canada, which, for the sake of elucidation, it becomes indispensably necessary to connect with our present subject—that in consequence of the variance which had arisen betwixt France and England, in 1629, on account of the siege of Rochelle, and the war which was soon afterwards kindled between these two powers by the intrigues and jealousies of Buckingham and Richelieu, Canada became an object at once of interest and ambition. In this contest the English gained the advantage over the French; and the latter lost Canada. The councils of France were so little acquainted with the value of this settlement, that they were inclined not to demand the restitution of it; but the pride of the leading man, who, being at the head of the exclusive company, already alluded to, considered the encroachments of the English a personal insult, prevailed with them to alter their opinion. They met with less difficulty than they expected; and Canada was restored to the French in 1632, by the treaty of St. Germain en Laye. An allusion to this circumstance will be attended with greater interest when we are told, that the French were not taught by adversity; and that from the period at which it took