

In a letter written subsequently the Provincial Secretary further states that :—

" It was discovered before the works were completed that there was no authority, but a heavy penalty, for striking coin, but Capt. Gossitt, determined to have sample coins struck brought the works to completion, contrary to the wishes of the Governor, and hence the two coins (the only ones struck, I believe) in question. Of course no coins of that mintage ever got into circulation. How could they?"

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THOMAS JEFFREYS ON THE BIRDS OF
CANADA, 1760.

The Natural and Civil History of the French Dominions in North and South America, Giving a Particular Account of the Climate, Soil, Minerals, Animals, Vegetables, Manufactures, Trade, Commerce and Languages as Illustrated by Maps and Plans of the Principal Places, &c., by Thomas Jeffreys, Geographer to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, London, 1760.



RENCH supremacy in America, after enduring more than a century and a half, had of a sudden collapsed on the heights of Abraham, on the 13th September, 1759,—the day and place are memorable. An orderly had briefly announced the startling *dénouement* to his expiring chief " They run!" Wolfe died content. Such the decree of fate: it was scarcely necessary for King Louis to have recorded the fact, by the written pledge signed by him, at Paris, on 10th February, 1765, in favor of Britain, the treaty of cession.

Great the commotion, deep the surprise, wild the trans-