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“THE principal object of His Majesty in these settlements,” he says, in writing to the Governor of Acadie, “consists in the glory of God and making known the truth of our holy religion to the people of the country.” He then recommends, in a manner too detailed to admit of the entire letter being here transcribed, the greatest vigilance in repressing disorders on the part of the French colonists in the midst of the Indians. To prevent all such immoral conduct, especially the conduct mentioned to him by Denonville, he forbids him to allow the inhabitants to go into the woods or upon the rivers to trade with the Indians; “but they must be content with trading with them when they come to settlements and residences.” The governor was commanded to see that this trading should be done with mildness and good faith, “and above all, he will prevent all bad conduct of the French towards the Indian women.” However, he permits him to grant “a few limited permissions, but with reason, and much caution and care to a few individuals living orderly and edifying lives, on account of their poverty, or to enable them to continue and increase their undertakings in fishing and cultivating the soil. * * * “In case he should allow such trading, he will make known to His Majesty the reasons he had for so doing, and the number of those to whom he granted such permission.” These orders are assuredly minute and formal enough. And all this to