

APPENDIX.

1.—The Intendants of the French colonies have an equal authority with the Governors; but as they are supported by the protection of the clerks of the Marine Office, who are always in society with them and share the pillage, the Secretary of State for the Marine is constantly deaf to the complaints of the Governors. Prevost, the Intendant of l'isle Royale, was one of the greatest rascals that ever escaped the gibbet; and if he had been poor, they would have rendered him justice in hanging him. On his arrival in France, he was clapped in the Bastile, where he was confined for some time; but as gold there is the favourite idol he was at length liberated without a trial, and is now again employed as Intendant at Port l'Orient. M. de la Porte, first clerk in the Marine Office for the Department of the Colonies, retired a few years ago with a revenue of 3,000 livres a-year—12,500 guineas English!

How incredibly must the King of France have been robbed, that la Porte's share of the booty, with the Intendant's, should amount to such a prodigious sum! It is a common saying in France, that they only hang the little thieves, and not the great ones. A French author says:—"The Intendants and Governors go to the colonies with the view to enrich themselves, and at their embarking they leave their honour and probity in France, easily forgetting to be just and honest."

2.—M. Guibert says:—"Courage is certainly the true rampart of towns. They don't reflect enough that there is no defence but that which is offensive and that which multiplies the objects to the besiegers."

The garrison of Louisbourg may affirm, with justice, that they had only Guiber's ramparts for the defence of that town.

3.—M. de la Rigandière, captain of Montalley's tender, hanged himself on his return to Rochefort; so that not a reproach was made to Montalley, who continued to be employed until he perished in Conflan's sea-fight, by tacking without shutting his port-holes. His ship sank in an instant, and not a man was saved.

4.—What an author says of the Roman Proconsuls and Questors, may be justly applied to the Intendants and Governors of the French colonies:—"Mutual spies upon each other, or accomplices in the same crimes. They cannot be in good intelligence together without ruining the Province, nor disagree without causing in it disorder and confusion."

5.—I bewail, with tears, the sad fate of that unfortunate hero, Vauclin, who having commanded a frigate during two years at the Islands of Bourbon and France with his usual distinguished and remarkably good conduct, on returning to France, by the unjust ill-treatment which he received from M. de Borgues in 1773, then Minister of Marine, he shot himself through the head.

I cannot excuse him for his rashness, as the ingratitude he met with was in common with all good officers in the French service.

6.—Louisbourg surrendered on the 26th of July, 1758.