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tactics; he sought permission to return to Espagnol to wind up his affairs at the out? post. The governor allowed him to go, ex? acting only a promise that there would be no further question of his getting married. By the end of January. La Noue was back on the harbour with Marguerite. Early in February he sent off two messen? gers, one to the governor in Louisbourg, the other to Port Dauphin, now St. Ann's. He asked the commandant at Port Dauphin to arrange for a priest to come to Espagnol to visit sick people in the settlement. To the governor he sent a letter resigning his commission in the army and intimating that he was going to marry Marguerite. De Coux. commanding at Port Dauphin, sent a priest as requested. La Noue told the clergyman that he had resigned his commis? sion and was now free to marry. The priest may have had his suspicions, but on Febru? ary 11 he performed the ceremony, and the two lovers were united. In the meantime, the governor's answer was on the way. An officer called Garsement came in to the outpost a few hours after the wedding. La Noue was to report at once to Louisbourg, on pain of disobedience. Foreseeing that the young man might at? tempt resistance, the officer had with him two sergeants and two corporals; their or? ders were to take him by force if this proved necessary. Before leaving the set? tlement. Garsement conducted an enquiry of some kind in the home of one Joseph Bou? tin. Already the governor had made up his mind that the marriage should be annulled, and the officer had instructions to gather on-the-spot information that would facili? tate the procedure.

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