

1564. account of the two historians is, that the Indian chief maintained with the French leader a course which the latter took as a mark of sincere friendship, but which those who scrutinized more closely attributed to fear or policy.¹

Conduct of
the Indians
towards the
French.

It is certain that the Indians did not discontinue bringing to Caroline indian meal, dried meat, a kind of lizard, which these nations eat as a delicacy, roots, some medicinal and others very nourishing; sometimes gold, silver, pearls, precious stones; and that Mr. de Laudonniere was obliged to order his people, under pain of death, to carry to the public store all the metals, pearls, and stones received from the natives. But the supply of these treasures soon failed.

¹ Charlevoix is in error. Le p. 84. Saturiva subsequently, and Moyne de Morgues, *Brevis Narratio*, not unreasonably, took offence at p. 8, represents them as aiding to Laudonniere's reluctance to keep build the fort, as Laudonniere does, his promise of aiding him in war.