

1564. surrounding it with his soldiers, sat down beside him without saluting him, remained there for a time, without addressing him a word, then asked where his prisoners were. Saturiova, surprised to see himself thus braved in his very cabin, remained also for a time silent, then replied in a haughty tone, that his prisoners, alarmed at the sight of the French, had fled to the woods, and that he did not know where to seek them.

Laudonniere pretended not to hear, and raising his voice, said that he wished to see the prisoners, and that they should be produced at once. Then Saturiova ordered one of his people to go for them, and a moment after they appeared. The poor wretches saw at once, by the air of the French chief, that it was not his intention to injure them, and wished to throw themselves at his feet, but he did not give them time; he rose, left the cabin, and bade them follow him. He took them into his fort, where he treated them well; then put them in the hands of Mr. d'Erlach, and one of the two le Vasseurs, with orders to take them back to their country. He at the same time informed Saturiova of what he had just done, adding, that he did so to restore peace between him and Timagoa. The two envoys were, moreover, instructed to omit no means to secure Timogoa's fidelity; then to go and find a great chief named Outina (on whom it appears Timagoa depended, and whose power had been greatly exaggerated to the French chief), to salute him on his behalf, and to contract an alliance with him.¹

Extraordinary thunder and its effects.

Meanwhile, Saturiova could not but resent the manner in which he had just been treated, but he was sufficiently master of himself to dissemble his resentment till he found a favorable moment for revenge. He even sent word to the commandant of Caroline that he might treat with Timagoa as he thought proper, and that he would abide by all he agreed upon. He affected to give him more marks

¹ Laudonniere in Basanier, pp. 103-4.