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Punishment of the most guilty.

These wretches, seeing no longer any hope of avoiding the punishment which they had so richly deserved, began to pray. One, however, turning to the soldiers, stretched out his arms, and cried: "What, comrades, will you suffer us to perish thus?" The commandant replied that the king's soldiers did not recognize rebels as comrades. There was, withal, a slight movement among the troops, and several asked for a commutation of the culprits' punishment. Laudonniere did not yield, till the entreaties were multiplied; at last, he consented that they should be shot, on condition, however, that their bodies after death should be gibbeted. The execution took place at once. The Genevan Etienne, la Croix, and des Fourneaux, with one whose name I do not find, comprised the four.<sup>1</sup>

New discoveries.

While French Florida was thus depopulated, it was becoming more and more explored. La Rocheferriere had penetrated to nations near the Apalache mountains, had contracted alliance with several paraoustis, and without much regard for Outina, whom his negotiations displeased, had returned to Caroline with very fine presents for de Laudonniere, from his new allies. That commandant conceived great hopes from these discoveries, more especially as some of the presents which he had just received were quite precious. These were small plates of gold and silver, pretended pieces of ore, well-wrought quivers, fine skins, arrows tipped with gold, carpets quite delicately woven of bird's feathers, blue and green figured stones,

<sup>1</sup> Laudonniere in Basanier, *Histoire de Morgues*, Brevis Narratio, pp. 19, 20; Le Moyne in Hak., iii, pp. 517, 518.