

axes made of these stones, and other rarities of the same kind.<sup>1</sup> Peter Gambie, a soldier, had also, with the commandant's permission, gone to explore the country on the other side; but as he was returning, pretty well loaded with articles obtained in exchange for European curiosities, he was assassinated in his periagua by two Indians, who had offered to guide him.<sup>2</sup>

About the same time they learned that, at quite a distance from Caroline to the south, there were two Europeans in the hands of a paraousti, named Onathaca, and Laudonniere sent offerings to ransom them. The paraousti made no objection to giving them up on this condition, and they were brought to the fort. They were two Spaniards, who were presented to the commandant, perfectly naked, with hair hanging down to their knees. They first dressed them, then cut their hair, which was very filthy and disordered. One of the two had concealed in his a piece of gold, worth about twenty-five crowns, and neither he nor his companion would allow the hair that was cut off to be thrown away; they kept it carefully to send to their families, as a monument of the long captivity that they had undergone.<sup>3</sup>

These two men related, that besides Onathaca,<sup>4</sup> who resided on the eastern coast of the Floridian peninsula, there was on the west coast another cacique, named Calos,<sup>5</sup> no less powerful than the former, and surpassing him greatly in riches. It was the source of the mines from which all the gold, silver, and stones found in Florida had come, most of the vessels wrecked on the passage from America having gone ashore near his territory. The two Spaniards declared that this Indian had dug a

<sup>1</sup> Laudonniere, p. 113.

(p. 130), Oathkaqua, in Le Moyne (p. 17); Hawkins in Hakluyt, iii., p. 519.

<sup>2</sup> Le Moyne, Brevis Narratio, p.

14; Laudonniere, p. 140.

<sup>3</sup> Le Moyne, Brevis Narratio, p. 16; Laudonniere, pp. 130-1.

<sup>5</sup> These Calos or Carlos are very cruel cannibals. They live on a bay which bears their name, and that also of Ponce de Leon. *Charlevoix.*

<sup>4</sup> This is Onathaca, in Basanier