1565.   mandant would gladly have profited by this offer, for he
had always in his imagination that these mountains con-
tained mines; but as he had scarcely any more men than
were needed to guard his post, he deemed it his duty, be-
fore responding to this paraousti, to await the re-enforce-
ment he had been led to expect from France. He had no
thoughts of interfering in Indian affairs, when envoys
from Outina came to ask, in their master's name, twelve
or fifteen of his people to lead them against Potanou,[1]
with whom he was again at variance.

Laudon-   On this request he would decide nothing till he had
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aid to Ou- consulted his chief officers, most of whom judged it expe-
tina.   dient to gratify Outina. Those who spoke thus relied on
the example of the Spaniards, who had effected such great
conquests in the New World, only, they declared, by
weakening the natives of the country by each other.
They even added, that instead of twelve men, as solicited
by Outina, thirty should be sent, so that they might be in
a position to support themselves among the Indians; add-
ing, that you could never count on the friendship and
good-will of these Indians, even when you do them a ser-
vice, unless you are strong enough to fear naught.

Laudonniere relished this counsel, and d'Ottigny was
ordered with thirty men to join Outina, who no sooner
received this re-enforcement than he took the field with
three hundred of his subjects. After this little army had
marched two days, Outina was informed that he was dis-
covered, which disturbed him greatly. He consulted his
jonas to know whether he should go any further, or re-
trace his steps. The medicine-man, after many grimaces
and contortions, told him that Potanou awaited his coming
with two thousand men, and cords to bind him and his peo-
ple. On this he did not hesitate to order a retreat.

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[1] Laudonniere, pp. 138, 139; Le   must be remembered that, in Flo-
Moyne, p. 15. We have seen that   rida, the chief's name is always that
Potanou was killed in battle; but it   of his tribe.—*Charlevoix.*