

sions given for Outina's ransom. The action lasted almost 1565.
 the whole day, July 27th, the Indians displaying a skill
 and resolution of which they had been deemed incapable. ~~July 27.~~
 As soon as they saw our musketeers ready to fire, they fell
 flat on the earth with incredible celerity, and in fact lost
 very few. In this battle d'Ottigny and d'Erlach performed
 actions worthy of a more just and noble expedition; and
 but for them, Laudonniere, who likewise displayed much
 intrepidity, would have had great difficulty in extricating
 himself from this false step.¹

A pretty good supply of millet,² which one of the two
 le Vasseurs brought in from the Somme River soon after
 his return to Caroline, comforted him a little in his
 misfortune; but as he durst not flatter himself that he
 would often receive such succor, he resolved to profit by
 this to return to France. He was already beginning to
 make all arrangements for this voyage, when on the 3d
 of August four sail appeared in sight of Caroline. The
 spectacle excited lively joy, no one doubting but that the
 vessels came from France. But the French were not long
 in the pleasing error; these were English vessels, seeking
 water, which they needed extremely. They were com-
 manded by John Hawkins, a very upright officer; who, far
 from taking any unfair advantage of the wretched condition
 in which he found the French, did, on the contrary, all in
 his power to aid them, especially when he found them to
 be Protestants.³

He began by sending to ask the commandant of
 Caroline permission to take in water; and obtaining this
 without difficulty, he came alone and unarmed to visit
 him. Laudonniere received him as his courtesy required;
 he regaled his guest with some poultry, which he had re-

The Eng-
lish in
Florida.

August 3.

What oc-
curred be-
tween them
and the
French.

¹ Laudonniere, p. 164. Hawkins says they had not forty men unhurt, the Indians aiming at the exposed parts of the French, seeing the armor proof to their shafts. Hakluyt, iii.

² Maize. See *Histoire Merveilleuse* in Ternaux's *Recueil*, p. 262.

³ Le Moyne, p. 21; Laudonniere, p. 170, 176; Hawkins in Hakluyt, iii., p. 518.