

sions given for Outina's ransom. The action lasted almost the whole day, July 27th, the Indians displaying a skill and resolution of which they had been deemed incapable. 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

1565.

August 27.

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 commanded 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

The English in Florida.

August 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-

What occurred between 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.