

1565. nearest to him, he said: "Friends, God is with us; the maestro-de-campo is in the fort."

At these words all started, running at full speed: the foremost came up with Ochoa and the maestro-de-campo, who, unable to retain his prisoner, had killed him, and was calling at the top of his voice, "Comrades, follow me; God is on our side!" He then advanced towards the fort, and finding two Frenchmen in their shirts, he killed one and Patiño the other.¹ At that moment a soldier of the garrison having by chance ascended the rampart, perceived the Spaniards coming down the hill already mentioned, and marching in order of battle. He cried, "To arms!" On this, Mr. de Laudonniere ran up with the bravest; but he had scarcely time to look around, when the enemy entered by the three breaches, and by the wicket, which some one had opened to see what the matter was. In a moment all resounded with the groans of women, children, and the sick, whom they were butchering. Laudonniere flew to their assistance, but he was too late: he sought to gain a spot where he might keep the assailants at bay, till help came from the three vessels anchored off the fort; he showed himself everywhere, fighting with a valor which elicited the admiration even of his enemies; but the Frenchman, whom Menendez kept constantly beside him, having pointed him out, the whole combat centred on him alone, and he saw that he must think only of retreating. He did so, fighting steadily, and thus enabling the few surviving French to make good their escape to the woods. He was the last to enter them, preceded by his servant-woman, who was badly wounded, and by the Sieur de Morgues.²

There were, nevertheless, in the fort only the two companies commanded by the sergeant-major and Diego de

¹ Barcia, *Ensayo Cronologico*, p. 80. Memorable, pp. 270, 271. Charlevoix in this place rather exaggerates the prowess of Laudonniere.

² Laudonniere, pp. 198, 199; Le Moyne de Morgues, p. 26; *Histoire*