

consented to surrender into his hands, and that he might send his boat to bring them over.<sup>1</sup>

1565.

The adelantado at once gave orders to his admiral, commanding him not to take more than ten Frenchmen at a time, and to tie them as they landed, as had been done the first time. Mr. de Ribaut and those who were with him were also bound; after which the adelantado asked them whether they were Catholics or Lutherans? Ribaut replied, in the name of all, that they belonged to the new reform, and began to recite the psalm, "*Domine memento mei.*"<sup>2</sup> Then he said: "We came from the dust, and to it we must all return; twenty years sooner or later is all one: do your will on me." The adelantado gave the signal to dispatch them, and was obeyed. Four Catholics were found in this party and spared.<sup>3</sup>

Death of Ribaut.

Menendez then returned to St. Augustine, where some taxed him with cruelty: the others not only approved his conduct, but added that the French should have been exterminated had they all been Catholics, inasmuch as so many prisoners would soon have caused a famine at St. Augustine, their supply of provisions being scanty; and, besides, outnumbering the Spaniards, they might easily take the fort and massacre the garrison in retaliation for what had been done at Caroline.

About three weeks after this expedition, the adelantado was informed by the Indians, that a week's journey south of St. Augustine, southward, at the coast of Cañaveral, which lies on the Bahama Channel, there were some Frenchmen building a fort and a ship. He had no doubt but that these were the two hundred men who had left Mr. de Ribaut, and at once dispatched a courier to the governor of St. Matheo, with orders to send him one hundred and fifty men. This detachment reached St. Augustine on the

The third party.

<sup>1</sup> Barcia, Ensayo Cronologico, p. 89.

<sup>2</sup> No psalm begins with these words.—*Charlevoix*.

<sup>3</sup> Barcia says four, besides the fifers,

etc. Menendez, in his letter to the king, October 15, 1565, puts Ribaut's party at seventy, of whom he spared five. See Parkman's *Pioneers*, p. 130.