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League concluded between them and the French.

De Gourgues replied that he had not come with this view, but solely to renew the former alliance of the French with the Floridians, and after ascertaining their dispositions towards the Spaniards, to return to France for a larger force. "Still," he added, "as I see you in a temper to second me, and impatient to be rid of your troublesome neighbors, I change my mind, and am determined, this moment, to attack the Spaniards with this handful of soldiers that I have in my ships, convinced that you will join me, and promising myself every thing from your fidelity and valor."¹

Saturiova was charmed with this speech, and the league was soon struck. Presents were exchanged; but the paraousti made a most acceptable one to the Chevalier de Gourgues. He brought to him a young man named Pierre de Bray, whom he had kept with him, notwithstanding all the efforts of the Spaniards to obtain him, and whom he had always treated as a son.² On the following day, all the paraoustis, vassals, or allies of Saturiova, assembled to deliberate on the manner of attacking the Spaniards; and it was concerted that d'Estampe, a gentleman of Comminge, and Olocotora, a nephew of Saturiova, should go with Pierre de Bray to reconnoitre the state of affairs at San Matheo.³

But the general, before trusting Mr. d'Estampe to these savages, wished hostages; and Saturiova gave him one of

¹ La Reprinse de la Floride, pp. 321-8; Basanier, p. 209.

² Debré. Gourgues MS; Barcia, Ensayo Cronologico, p. 134; La Reprinse, p. 332.

³ La Reprinse de la Floride (pp. 332, 333) and the MS. give the name, Olotoraca; Basanier, Olotocara. The first part corresponds to Holata, chief.