

1568. those three works by sea to his ships, which he had left in the Seine, and marched there, with all his force, by land, after taking leave of the Indians, who seemed to witness his departure with regret, but whom he endeavored to console with hopes of his return. All of them whom he met on his way gave him the strongest marks of friendship and esteem. Several paraoustis, among whom Satu-riova distinguished himself the most, swore an inviolable attachment to him; and the brave Olocotora, whose presentiments were not fulfilled, never left him while he was in Florida, and burst into tears on bidding him a last farewell.¹

1568. On the 3d of May the three ships set sail, and on Whit-sunday, the 6th of June, the Chevalier de Gourgues anchored in the port of Rochelle, after experiencing violent storms and suffering greatly from hunger, his provisions having been spoiled.² He even lost his tender, with eight men; and one of his ships, which got separated from the rest off Bermuda, did not arrive till a month later. His expedition had cost him only some soldiers, and five gentlemen, whom he greatly regretted. One was of Saintonge, by name Pons; the four others—Anthony de Limosny, Bierre, Carreau, and Gachie—were Gascons. But he had well-nigh found in the port something more disagreeable than the shipwreck which he had just avoided.³

He narrowly escapes being carried off by the Spaniards.

It is not easy to see how the tidings of his enterprise (of which, he supposed, he bore the first news to France) had already reached the court of Spain; yet he had scarcely left Rochelle for Bordeaux, when nineteen Spanish cutters, with another vessel of two hundred tons, entered the roadstead which he had just left, in order to carry him off; and they, in fact, pursued him as far as

¹ La Reprise de la Floride, p. 364; Basanier, Histoire Notable, p. 361; Basanier, Histoire Notable, pp. 220.

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² La Reprise de la Floride, p.

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