


Some days after, Mr. de Biencourt and Father Biart 1612.
 set out to visit all the coast to the Kinibequi, which they
 ascended for some distance; they were well received by
 the Canibas, an Abenaki nation, which has given name  Father
 to this river;¹ they obtained of them provisions, which Biart visits
 began to fail at Port Royal, and in return, the missionary, the Abenakis.
 with the help of an Indian who knew French tolerably,
 announced Jesus Christ to them. He found a docile
 people, who heard him with respect, and did not seem to
 him far removed from the kingdom of God.² Some Eng-
 lishmen had, but a short time previously, attempted to
 settle on this river; but they had acted so ill towards
 these Indians that the latter had forced them to with-
 draw.³ The Canibas found the French more humane, and
 treated with them so cordially that all seemed to promise
 that they would one day have in that nation a barrier
 against enterprising neighbors, who recognize no limits to
 their colonies but such as they cannot pass by force.

Father Enemond Masse on his side had also set out to
 reconnoitre the country and the dispositions of the people
 in favor of Christianity. His guide was a son of Mam-
 bertou, a Christian, by name Louis; but he was not able
 to go far, having fallen dangerously ill. This mischance
 threw the Indian into great distress, which the missionary
 at first supposed sprung entirely from attachment to him;
 but he soon saw that it had another cause. One day,
 when he was very low, Louis came and begged him to
 write to Mr. de Biencourt that he was sick and dying;
 Strange
 idea of an
 Indian.

¹ It was formerly called Canibequi.
 —*Charlevoix*.

² Biard, *Relation de la Nouvelle*
France, pp. 35, 36.

³ Biard, *Relation de la Nouvelle*
France, p. 36. He gives the date as
 1608-9. Evidently Popham's colony,
 begun in 1607, abandoned in 1608.
 Biard, in his letter to the Provincial,
 January 31, 1612, would seem to in-

dicatc that the Indians believed they
 had killed Popham by magic. Ca-
 rayon, *Documents Inédits*, xii., p. 70.
 He puts the repulse of the English
 by the Indians in 1609, when eleven
 English were killed. Weymouth
 had been here in 1605. See Rosier,
Mass. Hist. Soc. Coll., series 3, vol.
 viii.; *Maine Hist. Soc. Coll.*, vol. v.;
 Laverdière's *Champlain* (1613), p. 74.