

ous mission. The first care of these brave Christians was to assure to themselves the aid of the Lord of Hosts: all confessed, many received communion, and they took care that their wives and children fulfilled the same duty, in order to be able to raise purer hands to heaven while their fathers and husbands were combatting the heretics. All this was done with a piety which assured the missionary of the success of the enterprise. The Perpetual Rosary was established in the Chapel during the whole time of the expedition, the edifying exercise not being interrupted even at the hours for meals. 1689.

The warriors proceeded along the coast by sea, and, on embarking, sent three canoes ahead to reconnoitre, with orders to join the army two leagues from Pemkuit, where they were to land. On all arriving there, they marched by land with so much precaution that they reached the first English houses unperceived. On the road they took three prisoners,¹ from whom they learned that there were about a hundred men in the fort and village. On this intelligence, they resolved to begin by attacking the settlement. After prayer, they stripped for the fight, and rushed furiously on the houses, broke down the doors, and slaughtered all who attempted resistance, binding those who laid down their arms.

At the first tidings of this sudden and unforeseen attack, the commandant of the fort² opened fire with all his cannon; but this did not prevent the Canibas from getting possession of ten or twelve well-built stone houses³ forming a street from the village square to the fort. They then entrenched themselves, partly at the cellar-door of the house next the fort, and partly behind a rock on the sea-

¹ One of these was a man named Starky. Williamson's *Maine*, i., 612; Mather's *Magn.*, book vii., p. 65.

² Captain Weems, who had been stationed there by Andros. He had 14 men, says Hutchinson, *Hist. of Mass.*, i., p. 352. Williamson's

Maine, i., p. 612. A Captain James Weems appears frequently in New York documents down to 1721, when we find him Colonel and Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

³ See Hubbard's *Indian Wars*, ii., p. 72.