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failure of his enterprises made him seem a mere adventurer to those who judge only by appearances. This, unfortunately, comprises the majority, and decides the public voice.

What occurred after his death.

Meanwhile, Father Anastasius, having seen de la Sale fall at his feet, expected that the murderers would show him no mercy, if only to rid themselves of such a witness of their crime; but Duhaut, approaching, reassured him, declaring that the deed he had just committed was an act of despair, and that he had long harbored vengeance against Moranget, who had sought his ruin. At that moment his accomplices interrupted him, stripped the dead body to the very shirt, and, after insulting it with every indignity,¹ dragged it into some bushes, where they left it, unburied. There is no foundation for what Father Hennepin has written,² that Father Anastasius buried him, and planted a cross on his grave. Joutel does not mention it,³ and we cannot but believe that that traveler, who enters into the greatest detail as to what occurred before his eyes, would not have omitted the circumstance; he himself, had the thing been possible, would not have failed to join Father Anastasius in rendering the last rites to a master whom he had always esteemed. The assassins, after thus giving the last stroke to their parricide, proceeded to the camp, to which they had already sent the fruit of their hunt by some Indians, who witnessed the affair, and were scandalized at what they beheld.

It was from Father Anastasius that Mr. Cavelier learned

¹ Liotot, especially, insulted it, calling out: "There you are, Grand Bashaw; there you are!" Joutel, *Journal Historique*, p. 203.

² Hennepin, *Voyage à un Pays, &c.; Voyages au Nord*, v., pp. 243-4.

³ Joutel is not merely silent as to these points. He says, expressly: "Bien loin, comme dit un auteur,

de l'avoir enterré, et mis une croix sur sa fosse." It is not right, however, to make Hennepin responsible in this case, as he follows Father Anastasius, who states it himself in his account, given in *Le Clercq, Etablissement de la Foi*, ii., p. 341.

Joutel was not in camp when the assassins came in, and could not have aided Anastasius.