

him whom I have just mentioned, he replied: "I have not a word to say on the subject. I merited chastisement, it was not given to me; I cannot condemn another to it." Indeed, he was never willing to declare his opinion; however, they sent the thoughtless young man to [24] Kebec. Monsieur the Governor had him put in a dungeon, at the request of the Savages: he was put there on the very eve of Christmas, and the day following that great festival five of the principal Christians went to monsieur de Montmagny and one of them made this speech to him: "Here are the two nearest relatives of the prisoner, that is to say, Noël Negabamat, and Charles Meiachkawat; it is a long time since the first one was delivered from the chains of the Devil; as for the second one, he has been very recently set at liberty by holy Baptism. But as for him whom you have had imprisoned, he is pinioned on all sides,—the Devil holds him fast bound, for he is not yet baptized, and his sin merits a double prison; nevertheless, his relatives pray you to do justice to him, for, being Christians, they wish to keep all the laws of God; they entirely renounce his relationship." This is an act fit to astonish all those that know the customs of the Savages, who cannot endure that any one should touch their kinsmen; but God has more power than nature. Monsieur the Governor replied that he [25] would have him brought before him, and that he would give him good advice, and would frighten him; and that, if he should again commit the fault, he would not fail to have him again arrested. All went on with discretion and profit. This poor man having left the prison, came immediately to us at saint Joseph; he said to us that he did not disap-