

prove of what the Frenchmen and the Savages had done,—that in the beginning it had greatly irritated him, but, having known that it was for his good, he was appeased. “I shall improve,” said he; “the Captain has given me good advice, and I shall pay attention to it. He has made me understand that he has long arms, and that, although I might go to Tadoussac or to the Three Rivers, he could reach as far as there, and still further; I have promised him that I would no longer displease him and that I would become obedient. That is the word I give you also, and which I shall keep; but hasten to baptize me, so that I may become wiser.”

Having returned to his cabin, the chief Savages went to him toward night, and spoke to him in this manner: “Thou knowest well that thou hast meddled with sorcery; [26] but as we are now Christians, we no longer fear thy invocations of the Demon,—thy threats and thy charms no longer give us dismay. Besides, thou must know that it is we who have had thee put in prison, it is we who have begged our Captain to arrest thee; be wiser now, abandon thy usages. If thou wilt believe in God, and accept his Law, we will love thee and protect thee everywhere; if not, from this time forth we renounce thy kinship and thy friendship. If thou wilt persist in thy wickedness, thou wouldst do well to go away; for, if any one put thee to death, of which thou hast been already in danger, we will not avenge thy death.” At these words, this man, who was wont to give terror to others by his deceit and by his impudence, was quite confounded. “You have done me a kindness,” he responded; “what you have done tends only to my good. I have already said this to our Captain. I