

shall be more restrained and more discreet hereafter; my resolution is made. As for my sorcery, it is a thing that I have already abandoned, and which I shall never take up again. This is the [27] first act of justice that the Savages have administered; little by little, and with tact, they must be brought into submission.

Here are other deeds as remarkable as the preceding ones. Some Savages of the Island, and of other places, having come down to saint Joseph, the Christians, seeing that the new guests had nothing for dinner, made a collection among themselves, and furnished as many as twelve hundred smoked eels, divided into twelve large packages; having gathered together this alms, they sent for us to know if it would be acceptable to God. The poor people had not too many provisions for themselves; but, as acts of charity are recommended to them, every one contributed joyfully. Having then sent for four of the chief of the recently-arrived Savages, they put this gift into their hands, to be distributed to all those who were in need. We greatly approved this kindness; it will not be without reward,—God will bless it a hundredfold.

[28] This charity did not prevent these new guests, naturally haughty and proud, from having several quarrels with the Christians of saint Joseph, and almost always on account of Religion. The few following words reveal the great vanity and insupportable pride of the Captain of these Islanders. Having come to see us during the stay that he made at St. Joseph, he held this discourse with us: “I had some intention of spending the winter here, but I am told that neither your Captain loves me nor do you. Per-