

fearlessly to raise the standard of the Cross wherever he might happen to be. Some time before his baptism he called together the chief Savages, and said to them: "I have resolved to be a Christian; I am no child,—I know well what I am doing. I do not doubt that many will disapprove of my intention; but the doctrine which has been taught me seems to me so beautiful and so true, that, although the whole world should spurn it, I would embrace it with all my heart, even should I be alone in my resolve." Seeing that some of them bent down their heads, as a sign that these [124] words had shocked their ears, the next day he made a second charge upon them; he went out in open view, and began shouting aloud among the cabins, according to the custom of the country. When the Captains and chief Savages wish to announce anything publicly, they have no other trumpets than their voices, which they make resound through their Villages, or in the places where they have gathered their cabins. This man went about, shouting at the top of his voice: "Men, listen to my words!" Immediately every one was silent in the cabins, and, as a sign that they were listening, some responded "Ho, ho!" "I have already told some of you that I believed in God, and that I wished to be baptized: I now say it publicly. I am doing nothing secretly,—the matter being of itself good and holy, it is not necessary to conceal it. Let whoever will disapprove, my decision is made, I shall be baptized to-morrow." Having said this he reëntered his cabin; and the Apostate came out from his, vomiting from his mouth poison, with which he endeavored to infect all his Countrymen. "I see indeed," he exclaimed, "that he who has just spoken is willing