

their health. I intend to obey God, and all that he forbids shall be interdicted to me forever."

The Captain of the Island, who strikes only unfairly, and with underhand thrusts, wishing to disparage this holy action, and to show that it belonged only to old women and children to be baptized, cried out among the cabins: "Go, good old women, go; and you, little children, who have no way of finding food, go to the black Robes and be baptized, so that you may not die from hunger; let those who resemble you, imitate you." Father de [130] Quen, seeing that this outcry was made in contempt of the faith, and to alienate the Savages from Baptism, paid off this wretched one-eyed man in his own coin; for, on going the next day to summon the Christians to Mass, he added these words in a loud voice: "Men and women who are not baptized, go to Teswehat" — that is the name of the one-eyed man;¹⁷ — "he will give you all food; it is he who kills beavers, and knows well how to catch the moose." This man, proud to the last degree, believing himself insulted, went raging with anger to sieur Nicolet and to Father Buteux, and complained of the affront that he had received; but he was asked if, when he had sent away the old women and children to the Fathers to be baptized in order that they might have food, he intended to set at naught prayers and Baptism; he said, "No, indeed." They replied to him that neither did Father de Quen purpose to offend him in sending the men and women to him to be helped, inasmuch as he was their Captain. This clever man, seeing well that he should lose his case if he went on, preferred silence to further argument.

[131] To return to our Neophyte. He had his