

them; they apply at another, they receive there a like refusal. Finally, this Christian leads them to some relatives of his, but they are constrained to dislodge the next day, after having effected some baptisms in this village. Having reached another village, the Captain's door is immediately closed to them; this good Christian is again obliged to have recourse to one of his kinsmen. This was not without reproaches which they administered to him for taking the part of people who were the greatest sorcerers on earth; but he knew well how to meet them. That did not prevent, when night had come, a young man of the cabin from falling into a fury; either he was possessed by the devil, or he pretended to be. He throws all the firebrands hither and thither; he burns what he finds, even things most precious; the barbarians hide themselves where they can. This frenzied man then comes, to fall upon the very place where our missionaries are; but by good fortune they had just withdrawn from it. As this lunatic was in the act of performing a thousand mad freaks there, looking for those against whom he had a grudge, [178] he is quietly informed of the place whither they had withdrawn. Our Joseph, having had good enough ears to hear this information, exclaimed: "What, then? this lunatic has his senses, and you are conspiring with him!" Nevertheless this madman, true or counterfeit, goes in fury to the place where one of our Fathers was, who at the same time withdraws and leaves the cabin, in order to find some shelter elsewhere, in the middle of the night. God knows what were this crazy man's designs: but he was forthwith cured.

In another village, where some days before our