

therein, and in the midst of this Barbarism to render all together the homage which since [14] the creation of the world has been there denied to him who alone has merited it. A number of Algonquins having wintered near us this year, it was a sweet anthem to hear at the same time the praises of God in three or four languages; in a word, I can say that this house is the house of peace,—so much so, that the very Savages who elsewhere are most hostile and most insolent towards us, take on an appearance of feeling and disposition wholly different, when we see them in our home. We hope that, with time, matters will become more and more quiet, and that, at last, we shall see the people brought to their duty.

The order that Monsieur the Chevalier de Montmagny, our Governor, established last year at the time when they went down to the trade, in punishing and repressing the acts of insolence that had been committed against us up here, has already had a good effect on the minds of these Barbarians. They, after their return, did not less admire the wisdom of his conduct and of his justice in the past than they [15] feared his menaces for the future; indeed, even a few entire tribes have rendered us justice here for the wrong we had received from some among them, in order to avoid the punishment and the reproach which they feared to receive down at the three Rivers. It is using his authority wisely to bring under the law of justice a barbarous people, three hundred leagues from you, and it is a pious employment of power to render it efficacious in maintaining in peace the Preachers of the Faith, in a country where impiety and insolence have reigned from the beginning of the world. Such a support of