

went to the Fathers to notify them of the result, which was, that their present was refused. The Fathers said that this was not the only [70] thing which had brought them, but the principal thing was the desire to give them a knowledge of the one God, and of his Son Jesus Christ, our Lord; and therefore they would like to know if they refused to be taught, since they had refused the present. To that they answered that, as for the Faith which had been preached to them, they accepted it, finding therein nothing but good; but as for the present, they refused it absolutely.

The Fathers were sufficiently content and satisfied with this answer, because they believed they had gained the principal thing to which they aspired, which was the liberty of preaching and publishing the Gospel in the country; however, they deemed it fitting to ask a cause for the refusal of the present, saying they had been commissioned to give it and would be obliged to render an account of this refusal. They said, at first, that the Treasury was poor, and that they had no means of making one in return. The Fathers answered that if it were only that, they should have no difficulty in accepting the present, as they themselves disclaimed a compensation or reward of this nature; that it would suffice [71] that they should regard us as brothers. They persisted in the refusal, and, not being able to bring forward any pretext which was not immediately set aside, at last the chief of the Council said: "Ah! indeed, do you not know what Awenhokwi said, and came here to do? and do you not know besides, the danger in which you are and in which you are putting the country?" They endeavored to reply to this as to the