

On the twelfth of May, the Captain of Tadoussac came to our Reverend Father Superior to claim the fulfillment of his promise; the Father most willingly granted him the one of our Society for whom he asked. As soon as our Saint Joseph Christians were aware of this voyage, they came to the Father imploring him to speak to Tadoussac,—that is to say, to make presents in order to draw to Saint Joseph the remains of these poor tribes. “Beg Monsieur our Captain,” said they to him, “to speak also,—perhaps they will respect [184] his word; if they come to dwell with us, we will speak on our own part,”—that is to say, “we will make them presents,”—“that they may clear up the ground on which they shall place their cabins or their houses.” Monsieur the Governor, seeing that this plan tended to the glory of our Lord, made his present, with which we joined our own, that we might offer them according to the instructions given us by our Neophytes, for they informed us minutely how we should speak. This done, the Father entered a bark which was going down to Tadoussac, and contrary winds detained him for some time on the way; but let us hear him speak of his voyage.

“On Wednesday, the eve of the most Holy Sacrament, the Savages came in a canoe to meet us; as I saw that the winds, which had seemed inclined to make a truce with us, were recommencing their war, I set out with them, promising our Frenchmen that I would come to say holy Mass for them on the following day, if the weather permitted. The Savages conducted me to a place where there was neither soil nor [185] tree; it was on the rocks, where they would have passed the night with no other covering