

Kebec on the following day, and she went there quite calmly, with her companions. He who had sentenced her to this penalty himself made her pay it. He took in his hand a bundle of very pliable shoots or wands, and with these showered blows on her shoulders, in the presence of many Savages. The unfortunate sufferer showed not a sign of pain, or indeed of shame or confusion.

This Judge and executor of Justice, all in one, added a short harangue to the punishment. "You," he said to the young girls who gazed at the spectacle, "have witnessed the treatment that I have dealt to your companion; the same, and even more severe, awaits you if you be not obedient. This is the first punishment by beating that we have inflicted upon any one of our Nation. We are resolved to continue it, if any one among us should be disobedient or [67] refractory." The eyes and ears of the poor girls were struck at the same time as if by lightning and thunder, which made them fear that a similar thunderbolt might fall on their heads, or on their shoulders. All were amazed at what had happened.

During the previous year the new Christians had a Savage put in prison. This year they have done more, for this last punishment seems to me very severe to be the first. Those who know the freedom and independence of these peoples, and the horror they have of restraint or bondage, will say that a slight touch of Heaven and a little grace are stronger and more powerful than the cannons and arms of Kings and Monarchs, which could not subdue them.

One would think that, after such shame, the poor girl would need nothing but a cavern. As soon as her punishment was over, she went to one of the