

and tied, with the Father, to be carried away to the country of those Barbarians who will perhaps make a more bloody quarry of them than hounds do of a stag. God be forever blessed for the courage that he has given to the Father, and for the piety that he has bestowed upon these two young Frenchmen. If those tigers [173] burn them, if they roast them, if they boil them, if they eat them, they will procure for them sweeter refreshment in the house of the great God, for love of whom they expose themselves to such dangers. Such is the price and such the coin with which Jesus Christ has bought the salvation of Greeks and Barbarians; it is with the same coin that the application of his blood must be procured for them. A portion of the Hurons who have been made prisoners are Christians. Perhaps they will convey a good impression of the faith of the great God to those peoples, who would be won over to Heaven as easily as others, if the Dutch, who have settled on the coast of Acadia which belongs to the King, did not prevent the Preachers of the Gospel from approach and access to them.

We were sending, by those twelve Canoes, the modest outfit of our Fathers who are with the Hurons, and the greater portion of what they require for their Chapels, for their food, and for the needs of thirty-three persons whom we maintain at that extreme end of the world for the conversion of those peoples. All these things have fallen into the hands of those [174] barbarians. *Deus dedit, Deus abstulit, sit nomen Domini benedictum.*

The poor Fathers will chiefly regret the loss of the letters written to them by several persons of merit. The Hyroquois have scattered them about here and