

who possessed both the desire and the power in regard to all that relates to this new world. He addressed himself, therefore to Madame the Duchess d'Eguillon, who takes such an interest in the Conversion of the peoples of this country that, through a special devotion which she has for the most adorable blood [3] of JESUS CHRIST, she has founded a house of Mercy, in which the sick Savages may be received and be made to feel the effects of that precious blood. She it was, therefore, who undertook to speak of the matter to Monseigneur the Cardinal de Richelieu, and to represent to him the dangers to which the Faith of JESUS CHRIST, and the French Colony in these countries, were exposed, if efforts were not made to repel the Hirocois. She succeeded so well that she obtained powerful aid against our enemies.

With this assistance the Father embarked, greatly consoled at having found in France so much zeal for the conversion of the poor Savages, not only in the minds of those who have withdrawn from the world, and lead a life entirely devoted to the furtherance of God's service, but also in several others, persons of quality,—who, not content with manifesting the interest they take in the Salvation of the people of this country, were also pleased to contribute to the support of the Missionaries, and to provide for the settling of the wandering and nomad Savages. God, who takes pleasure in such charitable works, will not fail to give them credit for it, and to reward them a hundredfold. [4] It is impossible to conceive the joy felt by the French and Savages over here at the arrival of this help; the dread of the Hiroquois had so disheartened them that all lived in fear of death.