

Captain under whose jurisdiction [38] this woman was, replied that he had tried all sorts of means to make her return to her duty, and that his trouble had been in vain; that he would, nevertheless, make another effort. "After this Assembly," said the Father, "consult thy people privately, and ask them what is to be done in such a case of disobedience." They all decided upon harsh measures. "Good advice," said they, "has not brought her to her senses; a prison will do so." Two Captains were ordered to take her to Kebec, and to request Monsieur the Governor to have her put in a dungeon. They prepared to carry out their orders, and entered the cabin where she was. But she saw them coming and, suspecting their errand, she escaped and fled to the woods, whither they followed her. Having caught her, they told her that she was condemned to prison until sense should come to her. As she tried to break away from them, they bound her and placed her in a canoe, to take her to Kebec. Some Pagan young men, observing this violence,—of which the Savages have a horror, and which is more remote from their customs than Heaven is from earth,—made use of threats, declaring [39] that they would kill any one who laid a hand on the woman. But the Captain and his people, who were Christians, boldly replied that there was nothing that they would not do or endure, in order to secure obedience to God. Such resolution silenced the Infidels. The woman was taken to Kebec; but when she saw that she must enter either a dungeon or her husband's house, she humbly begged to be taken back to Saint Joseph, promising that thenceforward she would be more obedient. Such acts of justice cause no surprise in