

no violence, this one nevertheless has acquired such authority, since his Baptism, that no one dares to refuse obedience to him. One day, a young man did not execute with sufficient promptness what he had commanded. "Ha!" he said to him, "thou prayest, and thou obeyest not. Come here, that I may give thee three blows on the back with a stick." The other drew near, received them quietly, and went to do what he was ordered.

The Father wished to have the bricks carried up that had been brought for building the house at Tadoussac. The Captain ordered all his people to work. Some of them overloaded themselves, and the Father tried to warn them and to moderate their eagerness. "Let us do it," they said, "we are putting into practice what thou toldst us yesterday, when thou didst exhort us to practice mortifications for our brothers who are not baptized, in imitation of the example of the French who perform so many for us." This shows that the souls [223] of the savages are as capable of perfection as those of Europeans. Here is another proof of this:

Father Buteux had preached a short sermon on the purity of intention that should guide all our actions. One day, he listened to some women who were conversing on this subject. "Dost thou remember well," said one, "what was said to us yesterday?" "Yes," replied the other; "but, nevertheless, I drank once without making the sign of the Cross, and without offering that action to God." "And I," said another, "had gone halfway to get some wood, without having yet thought of God." "I did not fail to do that," said the one who questioned her; "but I did not thank God when I came