

his other children. The good example of the Montagnais, with whom he has been accustomed to spend a good part of the Summer, has been to him a powerful incentive for subjecting himself to the laws of the Gospel. He is a man very gentle, moderate, and esteemed not only by those of his own nation, but by the Montagnais; an enemy of debauchery, and a friend of all the French. These considerations caused him to be chosen this Spring, with the Captain of Tadoussac and the Captain of the Bay [125] des Chaleurs, as a mediator of the peace between the Betsiamites, who inhabit the lands on the North side, 60 leagues below Tadoussac, and the Savages of our coasts and those of Acadia, who bore each other a mortal hatred. This peace was concluded at the beginning of the month of July, at Isle Persee⁷—where by good fortune I chanced to be, with the object of assisting both the Savages and the crews of eight French Ships, destitute of all spiritual help. Here follows the more immediate arrangement for rendering this peace of long duration. The Captain of Tadoussac, named Simon Nechabeouit, or otherwise Boyer, came to find me on Saturday, the last day of June, in order to beg me to reconcile him the next morning—and with him his whole band—to God by means of the Sacrament of Penance. I acquiesce in his pious request,—on condition, however, that he should notify his people to explain themselves in the Algonquin language, and not Montagnais, which I did not think that I understood sufficiently to give them satisfaction. But hardly had I adorned the Altar in the tent of the Admiral of the Ships, in order to celebrate there holy Mass, when this good Captain throws himself at my