

lain; two others carry on their shoulders two dozen new blankets; others, thirteen fine arquebuses, powder, lead, and some javelins longer and broader than usual. Then they had everything carried into a great cabin, where many Savages—Montagnais, Algonquins, three of the nation of the Sorcerers, and two Betsiamites were assembled. The Captain of our coasts takes the floor in the name of the Captains of Acadia, and of him of the Bay of Rigibouctou, his kinsman, from whom he says he has commission to treat for peace; they assert that they all have banished from their hearts the former enmity, in confirmation whereof they offered all these presents to testify their kind affection. [128] Simeon Boyer, who served as interpreter to the Betsiamites, answered that they accepted the presents, that they would be for the future only one heart; then he caused to be brought a goodly number of bundles of beaver skins, of which he made a gift. The rest of the day, and several others following, were spent in dances and feasts. We hope that this peace will contribute much to augment the glory of God, seeing that all our Savages seem to have inclination to receive holy Baptism, which they seek as a sovereign remedy for their indispositions and sicknesses. This is what I have observed in two Missions which I have held at Isle Persée,—as also have Father André Richard, in the one which he held this Spring in the Bay des Chaleurs; and Father Martin Lyonnes, in that of the Bay of Miramichi, whence he returned greatly satisfied with the Savages, who are everywhere pleased to hear mention of the mysteries of our holy Faith.⁸

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