

to him, and insisted upon his being the first to light the fire, etc.

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The 2nd. The first disputations in Philosophy took place in the congregation, with success. All the authorities were present. Monsieur The Intendant, among others, made a strong argument. Monsieur Joliet<sup>19</sup> and Pierre Francheville replied very well, upon the whole subject of logic.

*1st philosophical thesis; Joliet and Francheville.*

*Monsieur Talon argues.*

The 6th. Monsieur le ber's bark arrived, with 24 Ambassadors from Onneiout, bearing letters from orange. They lodge with us.

The 7th. They were heard; they did not say much.

The 8th. We answered them. Father Chaumonot, on behalf of Monsieur de Tracy, told them the whole truth about themselves, in proper terms and in a proper manner. Some of the chief men were detained, and the others were sent back with Father Bechefer, who goes with them to Orange, accompanied by Monsieur de la Tesserie<sup>20</sup> as Interpreter, and Boquet to attend him.

*Father Bechefer and sieur La Tesserie go to holland, or to Orange.*

The 11th. The ceremony of the dedication of the parish church was performed with all possible solemnity.

*Dedication of The parish church.*

The 14th. In consequence of the 40 hours' devotion for rain, after more than a month of excessive drouth, rain began to fall on the last day, and fell for 3 whole days; this restored everything.

*Prayers Heard.*

The 17th. I received letters, dated the

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