

*Christian, because it was with difficulty that he refrained from blackening his face, Which is indicative of their superstitious Fast,—although he alleged, as an excuse, that he had no other Color with which to paint his face. But, seeing that he was the only one to whom this grace had not been accorded, although it had been granted to his brother and his sisters,—to whom he did not otherwise yield in diligence in coming to pray to God in the Chapel,—one morning [in his Cabin] he painted his face white; and, addressing his father, he said, ‘I pay no heed to all these petty spirits whom you would have me seek. I will be obedient only to the black gown, who forbids me what you enjoin upon me.’ He came to me afterward, to ask for Baptism, which I granted to his perseverance.*

*“On good friday, the greater number of our Christians kissed and venerated the Cross. The more fervent carried to their homes each a small Cross that I had blessed to give to them, that it might serve As an image before which they could offer their prayers.*

*“I had no trouble in introducing among them the fasts of the church, since it is so usual a Thing for them to Fast that whoever among them does not fast from time to time is looked upon as a wicked man. So I deemed it a duty to sanctify their very superstitions, and to make of a Guilty fast a meritorious one. I have taught them to fast in lent, and have warned them that it was not for the purpose of seeing some paltry spirit, but for mortifying the Flesh and doing penance for the sins that they committed Against the divine majesty.*

*“All our Christians have a great affection for their Beads. When a present is made to them of Anything, they do not usually keep it but give it away to others. It is only in regard to the Rosary that they do not observe this custom. A young man, in the Heat of Play, went*