

brought about that misfortune, in order to overthrow the Mission — or, at least, to hinder the good that was done in it; but I trust that everything will turn to his confusion.

After observing what has been done in the North and in the South, we may cast our eyes upon the East,— I mean Acadia, where Father Jean Pierron spent the winter. He did so, in order to assist the French, whose spiritual welfare had long been neglected; but still more to ascertain whether it would be possible to establish Missions for the Savages of that quarter.¹² While wintering there, he took a favorable opportunity, and went through the whole of New England, Maryland, and Virginia, where he found naught but desolation and abomination among the heretics, who will not even baptize the children, and still less the adults. He saw persons 30 and 40 years old, and even as many as ten and twelve persons in a single house, who had not received baptism. He administered that sacrament and the others to but few persons, on account of their obstinacy; he had, however, the happiness of preparing a heretic to make his abjuration. Finally, he had some conferences with the ministers of Boston (the capital of New England), where he was greatly esteemed, and where he is still spoken of with honor. Although he was disguised, it was nevertheless suspected that he was a Jesuit, owing to the unusual knowledge that he displayed. For that reason, he was cited before the Parliament, but he did not appear before it. In Maryland, he found two of our Fathers and a Brother, who are English, the Fathers being dressed like gentlemen, and the Brother like a farmer; in fact, he has charge of a farm, which serves to support