

an act of thanksgiving, on the sunday following the receipt of the news,—which was the 4th sunday of october,—on returning to the cathedral, the *Te Deum* was solemnly chanted. In the evening, also, all the troops were under arms; a large Bonfire was Lighted, and while it burned the soldiers Fired several salvos; all the cannon Were discharged, not only on board the *Heros* and the *Pontchartrain*, the only 2 ships then in our port, but also those of the chateau, and all the other pieces. All these numbered about one hundred, which are excellently mounted around the town, at certain intervals, to prevent the enemy from approaching. Some are 18-pounders, some 24-pounders, and others 36-pounders. All these Were discharged several times, in the presence of 50 english prisoners who had been captured, on various expeditions, by our savages. They Were greatly surprised on seeing all this stir, and hearing all this noise; and still more so on learning of the rout of their fleet and army—which, they imagined, were coming to deliver them, and to take possession of the whole of the country.

We were much better pleased to Fire all these volleys in the air, and as a mark of rejoicing, than against our enemies. For, after all, if they Had come as they intended and as we feared, even if we had gained the upper hand and obtained the victory,—which was very uncertain, although we had prepared ourselves in every possible way,—a great deal of blood would nevertheless have been shed on both sides, and we would never have Done them as much Injury as did the storm which prevented them from reaching us,—to say nothing of other