

submit in good faith; and he publicly performed them all at the door of the chapel, in addition to the reparation he made in secret. The woman, although not yet subject to the laws of the Church, would have undergone the same penalties, had she not been obliged to retire; she was merely granted the consolation of confessing herself before her baptism. She received it with tears of joy, at the same time as her little children; and the marriage was rehabilitated. This action, which I only half explain, is worthy of remark in a rich savage who owed nothing to any one, and who, as the saying is, was master of his own body. Such was the behavior of him who was most to be dreaded among the papinacheois [and who thenceforward sought only to show attention to the father by little services]. You may judge of the others, *who are not*, [whom we cannot] disturb [*MS. torn here*].

I would never end, were I to speak of the Montagnais of the seacoast; and they must not be confounded with those mikmak runners who, not knowing which way to turn, spoil most of the missions, or beg their bread along the banks of the river and in Quebec. We had but too good a reason to repent having allowed some of them to winter at Bon Desir.

But, since I returned to this ruined post only to console myself for its loss, it was necessary to think in earnest about establishing that of Chekoutimi. Providence had given me a clerk as pious and faithful as he was obliging, disinterested, and skillful. In a word, he was the Sieur Montandre des Grondines, whose name, conduct, and probity are not unknown to you. He began by judiciously regulating the quantity of liquor to be allowed the savages,