

are not careful. You see some persons who dare not say a word to them, others drive them with a switch; the former will make them insolent and unbearable, the latter will make them refractory. Being kind to the Savages, helping them in their need, doing them no wrong or injury, exercising some kind of Justice toward those individuals who are insolent, especially if their Captains cannot make them listen to reason,—these are the means of holding these Barbarians a long time in the line of duty.

[194] On the tenth of the same month of December, Father Buteux having entered a Cabin where they were having an eat-all feast of Bear fat, and taking his place with the others without having noticed this, some one gave him a great dish full of this Nectar. Very much surprised, he refused it, saying he had just dined. The distributor of the feast became angry, and said to him, "Why hast thou come here, then, if thou dost not wish to take part in the feast? Thou must eat all that, otherwise our feast will be spoiled." To please him, the Father tasted a little of it. Just then Father Quentin arrived, who also entered without heeding the feast; and behold him doomed to eat his share. When they both declared that it would be impossible, they were accused of stupidity, and of having only a small heart, since they did not have a large stomach. "I have eaten more," said one of them, "than all the black robes together could eat." The Fathers answered him, "Since thou art so valiant a man, eat our share too." "Yes, indeed," said he; and he really did it, on condition that we would give him something more to eat in our little House.

[195] On the same day,—which was the second