

to conquer, w<sup>ch</sup> may be done w<sup>th</sup> as much ease and facility, and prove as rich, if not richer, for bread and wine; and all other things are as plentiful as in any part of Europ. This I have seene, w<sup>ch</sup> am sure the Spaniards have not in such plenty. Now I come backe w<sup>th</sup> my victory, w<sup>ch</sup> was to us more than tenne thousand pistoles. We lived by it 5 dayes. I tooke goode notice of the place, in hopes to come there more frequent, but this place is not onely so.

There we stayed still full 12 dayes w<sup>th</sup>out any news, but we had the company of other wild men of other countreys, that came to us admiring our fort and the workmanship. We suffered non to goe in but one person [at a time], and [they] liked it so much the better, & often durst not goe in, so much they stood in feare of our armes, that weare in good order, w<sup>th</sup> weare, 5 guns, two musquetons, 3 fowling peeces, 3 paire of great pistoletts, and 2 paire of pockett ons, and every one his sword and daggar. So that we might say that a Coward was not well enough armed. Mistrust neverthelesse is the mother of safety, and the occasion makes the thief. During that time we had severall alarums in y<sup>e</sup> night. The squerels and other small beasts, as well as foxes, came in and assaulted us. One night I forgott my bracer, w<sup>ch</sup> was wett; being up and downe in those pooles to fetch my fowles, one of these beasts carried it away, w<sup>ch</sup> did us a great deal of wrong, and caused y<sup>e</sup> life to great many of those against whom I declared myselfe an ennemy. We imagined that some wildmen might have surprized us; but I may say they weare far more afrayd than we. Some dayes after we found it one half a mile from the fort in a hole of a tree, the most part torne. Then I killed an Oriniack. I could have killed more, but we liked the fowles better. If we had both [of us] libertie to goe from our fort, we should have procured [enough] in a month that should serve us a whole winter. The wildmen brought us more meate than we would, and as much fish as we might eate.

The 12<sup>th</sup> day we perceived afarr off some 50 yong men coming towards us, w<sup>th</sup> some of our formest companions. We gave them leave to come into our fort, but they are astonied, calling us every foot devils to have made such a