stake, unmoved, I awaited the stroke, groaning to my noes, they fell ibs, with such God in heart; when staved, as if by a supernatural most exposed power, he drew back his hand in the very act of cutting. About a quarter of an hour after, he returned, and as if r unmber and he rocky way condemning his cowardice and faint-heartedness, again d been erected prepared to do it; when again held back by some here; and so, unseen hand, he departed. Had he earried out his se I cared not, design, my fate was scaled, for it is not their custom t their fury on to grant life to captives thus mntilated. At length, late I suffered all, at night, and last of all, I was taken to my captors, us to suffer. without receiving a morsel of food, which I had scarcely ishing to carry touched for several days. The rest of the night I spent l from beating in great pain. in blood, they nn to breathe, load me with

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My sufferings, great in themselves, were heightened by the sight of what a like crnelty had wreaked on the Christian Hurons, fiercer than all in the case of Eustace; for they had cut off both his thumbs, and, through the stump of his left, with savage cruelty, hey drove a sharp stake to his very elbow. This frightful pain he bore most nobly and piously.

The following day we fell in with some other warcanoes, who cut off some of our companions' fingers, amid our great dread.

At last, on the tenth day, about noon, we left our canoes, and performed on foot, the rest of the journey, which lasted four days. Besides the usual hardships of the march, now came that of carrying the baggage. [Although my share of this was done quite remissly, both because I was unable, and because I disdained to do it, for my spirit was haughty, even in fetters and death; so that only a small package was given me to bear.] We were now racked by hunger, from the ever-