

of vindicating their just Rights, and saving the Lives of their Wives and Children, these should establish a perpetual *Rosary* in the Chapel, and pray incessantly, Day and Night, for their Success in this righteous Cause.

This Stratagem did not fail to have its desired Effect upon the Savages, and a Hundred chosen Men among them assembling in the Chapel, made there a Vow at the Altar to march to *Pemkuit*, and not to return 'till they had driven the *English* out of that Fort. This Resolve was carried into Execution, and being possessed in the Manner just mention'd with a kind of desperate Brutality, they forced the Governor to a Capitulation, notwithstanding the Fort mounted 18 Cannon, and had a strong Garrison. This Expedition was quickly followed by another, wherein the Savages about *St. John's River* and *Pentagoet* rising in great Numbers march'd to *Kinibequi*, about which River the *English* had no less than fourteen small Forts, in tolerable good Condition; all these they carried by Surprize, kill'd 200 Persons, and brought away a considerable Booty. Thus, by the sole Engineery of a Father of the Mission, the *French* made themselves Masters of this Coast, at a Time when they were not able to raise fifty Men for their own Defence*. This, it is

* About this Time they had applied for Assistance to the King of France, and receiv'd an Answer purporting his Majesty's Inability to send them any.

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