

us who were passengers. The occasion of it was that the charter-party and agreement passed in France, setting forth that the said sailors should be holden to anchor in a port of Acadia which we should name to them, and there to remain during three months, — the said sailors contended that they had already arrived in a port of Acadia, and that consequently the said term of three months should be reckoned from this arrival. It was answered that this port was not the one that had been named to them, to wit, Kadesquit, and therefore the time could not be counted before we should be there. The pilot was firm in the contrary opinion, maintaining that a ship had never been to Kadesquit, and that he would not make himself a discoverer of new routes. Arguments on this side; arguments on that side. Nothing but pleadings at the bar — a bad augury for the future.

During these contests the savages made signal to us with a smoke. This means that some one is going to recognize them in case he wants anything of them; and so it was done. The pilot, as the occasion permitted, told them that the Fathers of Port Royal were in his ship. The savages replied that they would most gladly see those whom they had known two years ago at Pentagoët. It was Father Biard who went at once to find them, and to gain information of them touching the route to Kadesquit, intimating that he wished to take up his abode there. "But," said they, "if you are determined to make your residence in these regions, why not rather stay with us. We certainly have as large and as good a place as Kadesquit." And they began to recount the praises of their neighborhood, declaring it to be so healthy and agreeable that the savages in other quarters, when they fall sick, have themselves brought to this place, and get well. These encomiums did not move Father Biard very much, as he knew well enough that the savages were not lacking in what everybody has in abundance — value for their own commodities. But they were at no loss how to adjust their machinery for taking him along: "for," said they, "you must come, because Astieou, our sagamore, is sick unto death. If you do not come he will die without baptism, and will not go to heaven. You will be the cause of it; for he is heartily desirous to be bap-

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