

manifest his acknowledged strength in the destruction of the Saint, when it was the will of the Lord to contract the sinew of that very arm in which he held the sword determined for destruction; he thus remained, his strength unavailing, as a lasting memorial of the insufficiency of human force to impede what the Lord would ordain. Such miraculous power as was thus manifested by the Apostle, baffled in its growth, the best concerted plans of the magicians, made manifest the power of God; and struck with astonishment and dismay, the surrounding multitude of unbelievers; and that very individual who, but a moment before, vowed death and vengeance, is already beginning to shew the most signal marks of repentance; and as the first in crime is also the first to do penance, he and his whole family receive the faith of Christ and are baptized as the first fruits of our Saint's apostolic labours. He caused, shortly after, a church to be reared, as a signal trophy of his victory, on the very place where the enemy would have terminated his labours, in their commencement and in the very onset. The fame of his miracles continued to spread throughout the entire kingdom: the most powerful opposition came from the king and the magicians, whose entire care was employed to obstruct the light of the gospel; but the fame of his miracles overawed the most obdurate hearts; the lustre of his sanctity shone forth like the meridian sun in the midst of the surrounding clouds, which, at the same time that it afforded life and nutrition, it denied not its light nor animating force. His labors to establish in this island the faith of Christ, seemed to be evidently beyond the power of any human being. Every act of his marked the miraculous power of the Almighty hand that