

fifty, as some say, or eighty, as others, returned. Thus God restrained their wrath.

When they were promising themselves another winter, to draw away the English to Popery, came news of an English brigantine a coming ; and that the honorable Captain Samuel Appleton, Esq. was coming ambassador to fetch off the captives, and Captain John Bonner, with him. I cannot tell you how the clergy and others, labored to stop many of the prisoners. To some liberty, to some money, and yearly pensions were offered, if they would stay. Some they urged to tarry at least till the spring of the year ; telling them it was so late in the year, they would be lost by shipwreck, if they went now ; some younger ones they told, if they went home they would be damned and burnt in hell forever, to affright them ; day and night they were urging them to stay. And I was threatened to be sent aboard, without a permission to come ashore again, if I should again discourse with any of the English, who were turned to their religion. At *Mont Royal* especially all crafty endeavors were used to stay the English. They told my child, if he would stay, he should have an honorable pension from the King every year, and that his master, who was an old man, and the richest in Canada, would give him a great deal ; telling him, if he returned he would be poor for (said they) your father is