

Charlevoix farther observes, " That
 " whoever insinuates himself in their
 " esteem, will find them sufficiently do-
 " cile to do any thing he desires; but
 " that this is not easily gained, as they
 " generally give it to merit only, of
 " which they are as good judges as most
 " amongst us. He adds, that these good
 " dispositions are very much eclipsed by
 " the cruelty they sometimes exercise
 " upon such of their enemies, whom
 " they have devoted to death; as well as
 " the right they almost universally claim
 " to private revenge. They consider it
 " as a point of honour to avenge inju-
 " ries done to their friends, particular-
 " ly the death of a relation; blood for
 " blood, death for death, can only sa-
 " tisfy the surviving friends of the inju-
 " red party." Something of the same
 " law of retaliation was usual amongst the
 " ancient Jews and Romans.

From this principle, as well as from
 " the high notions they have of military
 " glory, the young Indians sometimes sud-
 " denly pursue violent measures, contrary
 " to the mind of their elders.

" It is, says the same Author, a feel-
 " ing experience of the Christian Re-
 " ligion, which alone is able to perfect
 " their