

which I alleged, seemed them feel more poignantly mildness by which I had their course had failed, I character authorized; I told which they were surprised, stated against us; that he at us, by the crimes we had these crimes were doubtless had been so rigorous, and our despair, which, unless ce, would become irremiss- any brethren, but that you enance? The time of the of the greatest mercy; do by your murmurs; the first mit blindly to the orders of el hearts, would you resist an instant, the fruit of the, only to render you worthy he reserves for his children? des, and, to escape transient to torments which have no follow your guilty resolve, design, I have done my duty; k that you are then lost for- , that among you, there will to the law of their God, as , and that they will join me ins, and asking strength to

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stopped me, and begged me to pardon the excess of despair into which they had fallen; they promised me with tears, that they would no longer provoke Heaven by their murmurs and impatience, and that they would redouble their efforts to preserve a life of which God, alone, and not they, was Master to dispose of it. Each one immediately resumed his ordinary occupation; I went to the woods with my two comrades, and, when we got back, the other two went for the wood we had cut. When all were again together, I told them that, having still wine enough for two or three Masses, it would be well for me to celebrate one, to ask, of the Holy Ghost, the strength and light which we needed. The weather cleared on the 5th of January; I chose that day to say the Mass; scarcely had I finished it, when Mr. Vaillant and Foucault, the chief steward, a strong and vigorous man, informed us of their resolution to go and look for the longboat. I greatly praised their zeal in exposing themselves thus for their companions. However we may be situated, we like praise; self-love never leaves us but with life. They had not been gone two hours, when we saw them coming back with a contented air, which made us believe that they had some good news to tell us; this conjecture was not false, for Mr. Vaillant said, that, after walking an hour with Foucault, they had perceived a little cabin and two bark canoes; that, on entering, they had found seals, fat, and an axe, which they brought off, and that impatience to announce this to their companions, had prevented their going further. I was in the wood when they came back; the Sieur de Senneville ran to tell me of the discovery which Mr. Vaillant and Fou-