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never had seen Christians before, nor heard thunderings of that sort, and that they were afraid of its doing them harm. They were very much pleased to see our savage well, for they had supposed him dead, on account of reports which some Algonquins had made to them, who had heard it from the Montagnais savages. The savage warmly praised the good treatment that I had given him in France, and the curious things that he had seen there, at which he made them all wonder ; and they went away quietly enough to their cabins in the woods, to wait for the morning, when I should show them the place where I wished them to encamp. I also saw my lad, who was dressed like a savage, and he also praised the treatment of the savages, according to the customs of their country ; and explained to me all that he had seen in the winter, and what he had learned from them.

When the next day came I showed them a place for their cabins, with regard to which the elders and leading men consulted by themselves. And, after spending a long time doing this, they had me called alone with my servant, who had learned their language very well, and they told him that they desired to form a close friendship with me, in view of the courtesy that I had