

Jonas, and prayed our Lord 'that I might not flee from His face,' (Jonas i. 3,) nor depart from His will; but on the contrary, 'that He would infatuate all counsels' (2 Kings xv. 31) that were not for His glory, and to keep me in the land of these heathen if He did not approve my retreat and flight.

The second night of my voluntary imprisonment, the Minister of the Hollanders came to tell me that the Iroquois had made much trouble, and that the Dutch settlers were afraid that they would set fire to their houses and kill their cattle. They have reason to fear them, for they are armed with good arquebuses. 'If,' I replied, 'for my sake this great tempest is upon you, cast me into the sea.' (Jonas i. 12.) If this trouble has been caused by me, I am ready to appease it at the loss of my life. I had never wished to escape to the injury of the least man in the colony.*

At last, then, I had to leave my den; the sailors took umbrage, saying 'that they had pledged their word in case I could set foot on the ship, and that they were now taking me off at the very moment when they should have brought me, had I not been there; that I had put my life in danger by escaping on their promise, and that, cost what it might, they must stick to it.' This honest bluntness touched me, but I begged them to let me go, as the captain, who had opened to me the doorway of escaping, now asked me back.† I was taken to his house, where he kept me concealed. These comings and goings were done by night, so that I was not discovered. In all this proceeding I might have urged my own reasons, but it was not for me to speak in my own cause, but rather to follow the commands of others; I cheerfully submitted. At last the captain told me that we must yield calmly to the storm, and wait till the minds of the Indians were appeased: in this advice all concurred. Here, then, I am a voluntary prisoner in his house, whence I write this. If you ask my thoughts in all this affair, I will tell you first, that the vessel which had wished to save me has gone off without me; second, that if our Lord does not in an almost miraculous way protect me, the Indians, who come and go here every moment, will dis-

* He could say no more, for, spent with sufferings of mind and body, and with want of food, he fell senseless on the deck.—*MS. of F. BUREUX.*

† By Captain, he means apparently another than Van Curler, whom he calls Governor, for he was not in his house.