

singing prayers among the Indians at the same time ; and many others were at the same time saying over their *Pater Nosters* and *Ave Mary*, by tale from their chaplet, or beads on string. At our going out, we smiled at their devotion so managed ; which was offensive to them ; for they said, we made a derision of their worship. When I was here, a certain savagess died ; one of the Jesuits told me, she was a very holy woman, who had not committed one sin in twelve years. After a day or two the Jesuits asked me, what I thought of their way now I saw it ? I told them, I thought Christ said of it, Mark 7. 7, 8, 9. *Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots, and cups ; and many other such like things ye do. And he said unto them, full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition.* They told me, they were not the commandments of men, but apostolical traditions, of equal authority with the holy scriptures. And that after my death, I would bewail my not praying to the Virgin Mary ; and that I should find the want of her intercession for me, with her Son ; judging me to hell, for asserting the scriptures to be a perfect rule of faith ; and said I abounded in my own sense, entertaining explications contrary to the sense of the