

a little above the ifland towards the eastern fhore. The commandant caufed poles to be made and pointed with iron: two *Indians* determined to walk to this ifland by the help of thefe poles, to fave the other poor creatures, or perifh themfelves. They took leave of all their friends as if they were going to death. Each had two fuch poles in his hands, to fet againft the bottom of the fream, to keep them fteady. So they went and got to the ifland, and having given poles to the two poor *Indians* there, they all returned fafely to the main. Thofe two *Indians* who in the above mentioned manner were firft brought to this ifland, are yet alive. They were nine days on the ifland, and almoft ftarved to death.* —Now fince the way to this ifland has been found, the *Indians* go there often to kill deer, which having tried to crofs the river above the fall, were driven upon the ifland by the fream: but if the King of *France* would give me all *Canada*, I would not venture to go to this ifland; and were you to fee it, Sir, I am fure you would have the fame fentiment. On the weft fide of this ifland are fome fmall iflands or rocks of no confequence. The eaft

* Thefe *Indians* had better fortune than 10 or 12 *Utowawa's* who attempting to efcape here the purfuit of their *Enemies* of the *Six Nations*, were carried down the Cataract, by the violence of the fream and every one perifhed.—No part even of their Canoe being ever feen again.