

dayes, journeys before we should arrive where their wives weare . . .
 My brother and I we consulted what was best to doe, and declared our
 will to them, which was thus: 'Brethren, we resolve to stay here,
 being not accustomed to make any carriage on our backs as yee are
 wont. Goe yee and look for your wives. We will build us a fort here.
 And seeing that you are not able to carry all your merchandizes att
 once, we will keepe them for you, and will stay for you 14 dayes . . .'
 The next day they went their way . . . We went about to make
 a fort of stakes.³⁸ We made an ende of that fort in 2 dayes' time . . .
 The 12th day we perceived afarr off some 50 yong men coming towards
 us, with some of our former compagnions . . . They offered to
 carry our baggage, being come a purpose; but we had not so much
 marchandizes as when they went from us, because we hid some of
 them, that they might not have suspicion of us. We told them that
 for feare of the dayly multitude of people that came to see us, for to
 have our goods would kill us . . . There came above foure hun-
 dred persons to see us goe away from that place . . . We marched
 foure dayes³⁹ through the woods . . . Att last we came within
 a league of the Cabbans . . . neare a little lake some 8 leagues
 in circuit . . . We came to a cottage of an ancient witty man
 . . . of a nation called Malhonmines, that is, the nation of Oats,
 graine that is much in that countrey . . . The winter comes
 on . . . we must retire from the place to seeke our living in
 the woods . . . We appointed a rendez-vous after two months and
 a half . . . We killed several beasts as Oriniacks, staggs, etc.,
 in a word we lead a good life . . . We are come to the small
 lake, the place of rendez-vous . . . We stayed 14 dayes in this
 place most miserable . . . To augmente our misery, we received
 news of the Octauacks who weare about a hundred and fifty, with their
 families. They had a quarell with the hurrons in the Isle where we
 had come from some years ago before in the lake of the stairing hairs,
 and came purposely to make warres against them the next summer
 . . . Having no huntsmen, they are reduced to famine . . .
 They are the coursedest unblest, the unfamous and cowardiest people
 that I have seene amongst fower score nations that I have frequented
 . . . The 2 first weeke we did eate our doggs . . . The
 wood was our food the rest of the sorrowfull time. Finally we became
 the very image of death . . . Here are above 500 dead, men,
 women and children . . . There came 2 men from a strange
 countrey . . . Those men weare Nadouceronons. They weare
 much respected that nobody durst not offend them, being that we weare
 uppon their land⁴⁰ with their leave . . . some 2 moons after