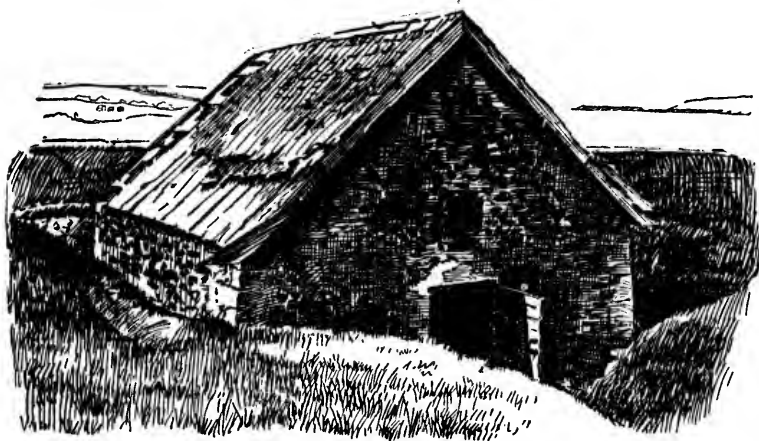




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quois Indians, obtained from these Indians a deed of all the land in the west as far as Chicago, and including the present Detroit. This deed has been printed several times and can be found in extenso in volume 4, page 908, of the "New York Colonial Manuscripts." It is dated July 19, 1701, but the difference in computation of time between protestant and catholic countries makes this, in the French calendar, July 29, or four days after Cadillac arrived at Detroit. In this deed Detroit is called Tjeughsaighronde (this name can be spelled some 70 different ways), and Lake Erie is called Swege.

The proposed erection of the fort at Detroit was evidently known to the Iroquois some time before Cadillac selected its site, and both the Indians south of the great lakes and the English were excited over it and proposed to stop it if possible. It was at this time and in this situation of affairs that the two documents I have found were written, and they fully explain themselves.

Robert Livingston was secretary of Indian affairs and John Nanfan was lieutenant-governor.

The papers have, I believe, never been printed, and I give them in full:

Report of Laurence Clease
ye Interpreter come from
Onnandago ye 10th. of Octob
1701 in Albany.

Pursuant to the instructions given me the 5th. instant I went to Onnandago where I found ye Sachims of ye Sinnekes, Cayugas and Onnandagos convind, who had bolts sent them from ye Maguass and Oneydes, they asked me if Quidor was come according to their desire, I told them no, and that he had great inclination to come but ye season of ye year would not admitt it, there being dayly much rain and cold weather to be expected.

Then they asked me if ye Secretary, Mr. Livingston, was gon to England according to their earnest request made in ye publike propositions when they were Last at Albany to acquaint the King how ye French incroached upon their Country for they had not only made a fort at Tjughsaighronde, but have, since ye Sachims were last at Albany, made two trading houses on this side of ye Lake hard by ye Sinnekes at ye two principall Places where our Indians must pass by. when they come from hunting, and have brought thither all sorts of Indian goods, one of ye Places