

probability Japan is on the same continent as America.

Toward the end of July, the *Sieur de Luth*, accompanied with five men, arrived in our camp from Canada ; and because I had some knowledge of the language of the *Issati*, he desired that I, with *Picard* and *Ako*, might accompany him to the villages of those people. I was very willing to undertake it, especially when I understood that they had not received the sacraments in the whole two years and a half that they had been out upon their voyage. We arrived at the villages of the *Issati* the 14th of August, and having exchanged our commodities we returned to the camp. Towards the end of September, we let them understand, that to procure them iron and other merchandizes which was useful for them, it was convenient that we should return to Canada ; and that at a certain time when we should agree upon between us, they should come half the way with their furs, and we the other half with our European commodities. Upon this, they held a great Council, and consented to our return. *Ouasicoude* their chief captain gave us some bushels of wild oats for our subsistence by the way, having first regaled us in the best manner he could. These oats are better and more wholesome than rice. Then, with a pencil, he marked down on a sheet of paper which I had left, the course we were to keep for four hundred leagues together.

We put ourselves into two canoes, being eight Europeans of us in all. We fell down the river of *St. Francis* into the *Mississippi*, and thence went up