

believe what the wildmen told me concerning the sea to be neare directly to the point We came to a remarquable place. . . . It's like a great Portall,²⁶ by reason of the beating of the waves. The lower part of that opening is as bigg as a tower, and grows bigger in the going up. There is, I believe, 6 acres of land. Above it a shipp of 500 tuns could passe by, soe bigg is the arch. I gave it the name of the portall of St. Peter, because my name is so called, and that I was the first²⁷ Christian that ever saw it. There is in that place caves very deepe, caused by the same violence some dayes afterwards we arrived to a very beautifull point of sand where there are 3 beautifull islands²⁸ that we called of the Trinity, there be 3 in triangle. From this place we discovered a bay²⁹ very deepe, where a river empties itself with a noise for the quantitie and dept of the watter. We must stay there 3 dayes to waite for faire weather to make the Trainage,³⁰ which was about 6 leagues wide. Soe done, we came to the mouth of a small river, where we killed some Oriniacks Commers and goers by making that passage shortens their passage by 8 dayes by touring about that point that goes very farr in that great lake In the end of that point, that goeth very farre, there is an isle, as I was told, all of copper.³¹ This I have not seen. They say that from the isle of copper, which is a league in the lake when they are minded to thwart it in a faire and calme weather, beginning from sun rising to sun sett, they come to a great island,³² from whence they come the next morning to firme lande att the other side,³³ so by reason of 20 leagues a day that lake should be broad of 6 scores and 10 leagues. The wildmen doe not much lesse when the weather is faire. Five dayes after we came to a place where there was a company of Christinos that weare in their cottages We went on and came to a hollow river which was a quarter of a mile in bredth.³⁴ Many of our wildmen went to win the shortest way to their nation seaven boats stayed of the nation of the Sault. We went on half a day before we could come to the landing place, and weare forced to make another carriage a point³⁵ of 2 leagues long and some 60 paces broad. As we came to the other sid we weare in a bay³⁶ of 10 leagues about, if we had gone in. By goeing about that same point we passed a straight, for that point was very high the other side, which is a cape very much elevated like pyramides. That point should be very fitt to build and advantageous for the building of a fort, as we did³⁷ the spring following The wildmen gave thanks to that which they worship, we to God of Gods, to see ourselves in a place where we must leave our navigation The men told us that wee had 5 great