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and Probity in *Normandy*, as well as elsewhere; but nevertheless it is certain, that other Nations are generally more free, and less sly and intriguing, than the Inhabitants of that Province of *France*.

This Fort *Frontenac* lies to the Northward of this Lake, near to its Mouth, where it exonerates itself; and is situated in a *Peninsula*, of which the *Isthmus* is digg'd into a Ditch. On the other side, it has partly the Brink of the Lake surrounding it, partly a pretty sort of a natural Mould, where all manner of Ships may ride safely.

The Situation of this Fort is so advantageous, that they can easily prevent the Sallies and Returns of the *Iroquois*; and in the space of Twenty four Hours, can wage War with them in the heart of their own Country. This is easily compass'd by the help of their Barques, of which I saw Three all deck'd and mounted, at my last departure thence. With these Barques in a very little time they can convey themselves to the South-side of the Lake, and pillage (if it be needful) the Country of the *Tsinnontouans*, who are the most numerous of all the Provinces of the *Iroquois*. They manure a great deal of Ground for sowing their *Indian* Corn upon, of which they reap ordinarily in one Harvest as much as serves 'em for two Years: Then they put it into Caves digg'd in the Earth, and cover'd after such a manner, that no Rain can come at them.

The Ground which lies along the Brink of this Lake is very fertile: In the space of two Years

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