

of two pounds of bread and one half pound of pork, which made the savages say, when they brought him a Buck and some Partridges, " We doubt not, Father, but that there have been disagreeable expostulations in your stomach, because you have had nothing but pork to eat. Here's something to put your affairs in order. The hunters furnished him wherewithal to support the Frenchmen, and to treat the General occasionally. The savages brought him trout weighing as many as eighty pounds.

When the Court had granted him a pension he employed it only for the benefit for his establishment. At first, he had six heads of families in 1749, eighty-seven the year following, and three hundred and ninety-six in 1751. All these were of the most anteint and most influential families, so that this Mission was from that time sufficiently powerful to attach the Five Nations to us, amounting to twenty-five thousand inhabitants, and he reckoned as many as three thousand in his Colony. By attaching the Iroquois Cantons to France and establishing them fully in our interest, we were certain of having nothing to fear from the other savage tribes and thus a limit could be put to the ambition of the English. Mr. Picquet took considerable advantage the peace to increase that settlement, and he carried it in less than four years to the most desirable perfection, despite of the contradictions that he had to combat against ; the obstacles he had to surmount ; the jibes and unbecoming jokes which he has obliged to bear ; but his happiness and glory suffered nothing therefrom. People saw with astonishment several villages start up almost at once ; a convenient, habitable and pleasantly situated fort ; vast clearances covered almost at the same time with the finest maize. More than five hundred families, still all infidels, who congregated there, soon rendered this settlement the most beautiful, the