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shown them in the past; and they again praised the treatment that I had shown to our savage, as if he were a brother, and said that that put them under obligations to wish me so much good that all that I desired of them they would try to provide me with. After a good deal of discourse they made me a present of one hundred beavers. I gave them in exchange some other kinds of merchandise; and they told me that there were more than four hundred savages who were to come from their country, and that what had detained them was an Iroquois prisoner who belonged to me, who had escaped and had returned to his country. He had given them to understand that I had given him his liberty and some merchandise, and that I was coming to the rapids with six hundred Iroquois to wait for the Algonquins and kill them all. The fear occasioned by this news had stopped them, and that but for that they would have come. I told them that the prisoner had stolen away without leave, and that our savage knew well in what way he had gone, and that there had been no thought of giving up their friendship, as they had been told, since we had gone to the war in company with them, and had sent my lad into their country to accept their friendship; and that