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from the said Isle Percée, and on the 13th, arrived at Quebec, the capital of the country. This was not without great peril, inasmuch as we passed very dangerous places by night, through the imprudence of our pilot. These places are named Pointe-aux-Alouettes, Tadoussac, and Isle Rouge. We thanked God for having saved us from shipwreck. Upon landing we went to pay our respects to the Comte de Frontenac, Governor of all New France, and to the Sieur Duchesneau, the Intendant.

After some time spent in this city in order to recover from the fatigues of the sea, we set out on the 10th of November for Montreal, where we arrived on the 21st.

I judge it unnecessary, Sir, to give you a particular description of this country, which has been so long settled. M. de La Salle having equipped several boats for the purpose of ascending the river to Fort Frontenac, of which he is the proprietor and governor, we set out together on the 26th. On the way we encountered many rapids and waterfalls, where it is necessary to carry one's boats to the still water, whenever it is impossible either to pole or to tow. This sort of navigation is greatly facilitated by the circumstance that the boats

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