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the Repose of the *Europeans*, unless it be for fear of their Arms: For they entertain no Commerce with them, save in the Merchandise-Goods they stand in need of, and in Fire-Arms, which they buy on purpose to use against their Neighbours; and by the means of which, they have compass'd the Destruction of an infinite Number of People, extending their bloody Conquests above 5 or 600 Leagues beyond their own Precincts, and exterminating whatever Nations they hate.

This Fort, which at first was only surrounded with Stakes, Palisado's, and earthen Ramparts; has been enlarg'd since the commencement of my Mission into these Countries, to the circumference of Three hundred and sixty Toises (each of these being six Foot in length) and is now adorn'd with Free-Stone, which they find naturally polish'd by the shock of the Water upon the brink of the Lake *Ontario* or *Frontenac*. They wrought at this Fort with so much diligence and expedition, that in two Years time it was advanc'd to this perfection, by the Care and Conduct of *Sieur-Cavelier de la Salle*, who was a *Norman* born; a Man of great Conduct and profound Policy. He oft-times pretended to me, that he was a *Parisian* by Birth, thinking thereby to engage the Father *Luke Buisset* before-mention'd, and me, to put more confidence in him: For he had easily remark'd from our ordinary Conversation, that the *Flemish*, and several other Nations, are prone to be jealous of the *Normans*. I am sensible that there are Men of Honour