

a little above the island towards the eastern shore. The commandant caused poles to be made and pointed with iron: two *Indians* determined to walk to this island by the help of these poles, to save the other poor creatures, or perish themselves. They took leave of all their friends as if they were going to death. Each had two such poles in his hands, to set against the bottom of the stream, to keep them steady. So they went and got to the island, and having given poles to the two poor *Indians* there, they all returned safely to the main. Those two *Indians* who in the above mentioned manner were first brought to this island, are yet alive. They were nine days on the island, and almost starved to death.* —Now since the way to this island has been found, the *Indians* go there often to kill deer, which having tried to cross the river above the fall, were driven upon the island by the stream: but if the King of *France* would give me all *Canada*, I would not venture to go to this island; and were you to see it, Sir, I am sure you would have the same sentiment. On the west side of this island are some small islands or rocks of no consequence. The east

* These *Indians* had better fortune than 10 or 12 *Utoiwawa's* who attempting to escape here the pursuit of their Enemies of the *Six Nations*, were carried down the Cataract, by the violence of the stream and every one perished. —No part even of their Canoe being ever seen again.