

three days, say sixty miles, from the Senecas already mentioned. They spoke the same language as the Iroquois and the Hurons, at least their dialect belonged to the same mother-tongue.

In the relation of 1648, Father Ragueneau alludes to the Andastes in the following terms: "Leaving behind you the Neutrals (north shore of Lake Erie) and taking a somewhat easterly direction, you reach New Sweeden, where the Andastoeronnonns reside, away from us (Georgian Bay) in straight line one hundred and fifty leagues." This is precisely the distance figured by Champlain in 1618 after the return of Brulé to Quebec.

From Carantouan, it is said, three days' travel would bring a detachment to the Iroquois fort, intended to be attacked by the Hurons and Champlain together. Brulé smoked the calumet and delivered many speeches to the Andastes with a view to have them rallied to the Hurons in actual war. This he gained at last, but thought it was too late for an effective action. Nevertheless, he started with five hundred men in the direction of the fort above mentioned.

Champlain and the Hurons had given two or three assaults to the fort without any success. The lack of discipline rendered the Huron army useless. Champlain was considered as the only "corps" upon which the expedition could rely—but he had been wounded twice already and the hope of seeing him in the field again was very precarious. The last hope depended on the Andastes, but they seemed to have forgotten the date of the rendezvous. The order to retire on Lake Ontario was given about the 15th October. I will not follow the Hurons on their way back home, where they arrived on the 23rd of December.

Brulé arrived with his warriors near the Iroquois fort, on the 18th whilst the Hurons were embarking on the Ontario to cross that lake. He had expected nothing better of late. Therefore, finding that his men were unable to attack with good result a position defended by eight hundred Iroquois, especially after the repulse of the Hurons' force, he directed that every body be allowed to go home and that for himself he would return with them, instead of stopping after Champlain. This decision pleased the Andastes very much. They spent the rest of the autumn and the winter months together. The twelve Hurons were sent home in the spring; they