

discover what it was, and by ill looke we found it was a Iroquoits boat of seaven men, who doubtlesse stayed that winter in the lake of the hurrons, and came there to discover somewhat. I cannot say that they weare the first that came there.⁶⁵ God graunt that they may be the last. As they saw us, away they, as swift as their heels could drive. They left their boat and all The councell was called, where it was decreed to go backe and shooke off to goe downe to the ffrench till the next year. This vexed us sore to see such a flecte and such an opportunity come to nothing, foreseeing that such an other may be not in tenne years We went back to the river of the sturgeons We dayly heare some newe reporte. All Avery where ennemy by fancy Twelve dayes are passed, in which time we gained some hopes of faire words. We called a counce'll The next day we embarqued, saving the Christinos, that weare afraid of a fight Being come nigh the Sault, we found a place where 2 of these men sweated We now are comed to the cariages and swift streames to gett the lake of the Castors We goe downe all the great river without any encounter, till we came to the long Sault, where my brother some years before made a shipwracke. Being in that place we had worke enough. The first thing wee saw was severall boats that the Ennemy had left att the riverside. This putt great feare in the hearts of our people. Nor they nor we could tell what to doe, and seeing no body appeared we sent to discover what they weare. The discovers calls us, and bids us come, that those who weare there could doe us no harme. You must know that 17 ffrench made a plott⁶⁶ Tis was a terrible spectacle to us, for wee came there 8 dayes after that defeat, which saved us without a doubt We went downe the river We stayed 3 dayes att mont-Royall, and then we went downe to the three Rivers. The wildmen did aske our advice whether it was best for them to goe down further. We told them no, because of the dangers that they may meet with at their return, for the Iroquoits could have notice of their coming down, and so come and lay in ambush for them, and it was in the latter season, being about the end of August. Well, as soon as their bussinesse was done, they went back again very well satisfied. . . . The Governor⁶⁷ seeing us come back with a considerable summe for our owne particular, and seeing that his time was expired, and that he was to goe away, made use of that excuse to doe us wrong and to enrich himselfe with the goods that wee had so dearly bought and by our meanes wee made the countrey to subsist He made also my brother prisoner for not having observed his orders, and to be gone without his leave He finds foure thousand