

VOYAGES AND EXPLORATIONS

CHAPTER XIV

Two hundred savages return the Frenchman who had been entrusted to them, and take back the savage who had returned from France. Various remarks by the author.

ON the 13th of this month¹ two hundred Huron savages, with the chiefs, Ochateguin, Iroquet, and Tregouaroti, brother of our savage, brought back my lad. We were very glad to see them, and I went to meet them with a canoe and our savage. Meantime, they advanced quietly in order, our men preparing to give them a salvo with the arquebuses and some small pieces. As they were approaching they began to shout all together, and one of the chiefs commanded their address to be made, in which they praised us highly, calling us truthful, in that I had kept my word to them, to come to find them at these rapids. After they had given three more shouts, a volley of musketry was fired twice, which astonished them so much that they asked me to tell them that there should not be any shooting, saying that the greater number of them

¹June 13, 1611.