

country, and goe to travell to the remotest countreys with 2 hurons that made their escape from the Iroquoits. . . . My brother and I weare of one minde. . . . The Governor gives him leave, conditionally that he must carry two of his servants⁶ along with him and give them the moitié of the profit. My brother was vexed att such an unreasonable demand. . . . The Governor was much displeased att this, and commanded us not to go without his leave. . . . The month of August that brings a company of the Sault, who weare come by the river⁶ of the three rivers with incredible paines, as they said. . . .

"The governor of the place (Three Rivers) defends us to goe. We tould him that the offense was pardonable because it was every one's interest The wild men tould us that they would stay for us two dayes in the Lake St. Peter. . . . we did not lett them stay so long for that very night, my brother having the keys of the Borough as being Captayne of the place, we embarqued ourselves . . . we went,⁷ 3 of us, about midnight. . . . Att 6 in the morning we are arrived to the appointed place, but found nobody. . . . We resolved to goe day and night to the river of the meddows⁸ to overtake them but 3 leagues beyond that of the fort of Richelieu (Sorel) we saw them coming to us. . . . Being come to the river of the medows, we did separat ourselves, 3 into 3 boats It is to be understood that this river is divided much into streams very swift and small before you goe to the river of Canada.⁹ We suffered much for 3 days and 3 nights without rest. . . . Three days after wee found the tracks of seaven boats¹⁰ We tooke no rest till we overtooke them. They cam from Mount royall and weare gone to the great river and gone by the great river,¹¹ so that we weare now 14 boats together, which weare to goe the same way to the height of the upper lake.¹² The day following we weare sett uppon by a company of Iroquoits that fortified themselves in the passage¹³ where they waited of Octauack,¹⁴ for they knewed of their going downe We resolved to give a combat No doubt the ennemy was much surprised to see us so in number. . . . They saw themselves putt to it, and the evident danger that they weare in and resolved to speak of peace During the night the Iroquoits make their escape The following day we embarqued ourselves quietly in the afternoon we met the Iroquoits.¹⁵ They had a bundle of Castor that they left behind without much adoe. Our wild men did the same; they both runne away The Iroquoits threwed themselves into the river to gaine the other side We had killed and taken them all, if 2 boats of theirs had not come to their succour Three of their men neverthe-