

On my remarking to Mr. Frobisher, that I suspected the *Bastonnais* (Bostonians, or English colonists) had been doing some mischief in Canada, the Indians directly exclaimed, "Yes; that is the name, *Bastonnais*." — They were lately from the Grand Portage, and appeared seriously apprehensive that the *Bastonnais* were coming into the north-west.*

At the Forks of the River à la Pluie, there were a large number of Indians, under a friendly chief,¹² with which latter I had had a previous acquaintance. On my visiting him, he told me, that there was bad news; and then repeated the story which we had heard on the Lake of the Woods, adding, that some of his young men were evil inclined, and that he wished us immediately to depart. We were not deaf to the admonition, of the grounds of which we staid long enough to be convinced. We were roughly importuned for rum; and one of the Indians, after we had embarked, fetched his gun, and fired at us twice, but without effect.

No further accident attended our voyage to the Grand Portage, from which place we pursued the route to Montréal, where we arrived on the fifteenth of October. We found the province delivered from

* *Bastonnais* (*Bostonnais*, Bostonians) is the name by which the Canadians describe all the inhabitants of the English colonies, now the United States; and in the north-west, the English traders commonly use the French language.

¹² *Ante*, page 240.