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LETTER SEVENTEENTH.

*Description of Lake ERIE. Voyage to DETROIT (the STRAIT): A Project of a Settlement in this Place: How it failed. The Commandant of the Fort de PONTCHARTRAIN holds a Council, and on what Occasion. The Games of the Savages.*

*Quebec, 1721*  
MADAM, Fort de Pontchartrain at Detroit, June 8.

I Departed the 27th from the Entrance of the Lake Erié, after I had closed my last Letter, and though it was very late, I went three Leagues that Day by the Favour of a good Wind, and of the finest Weather in the World: The Route is to keep to the North Coast, and it is a hundred Leagues. From Niagara, taking to the South, it is much more pleasant, but longer by half. Lake Erié is a hundred Leagues long from East to West: Its Breadth from North to South is thirty, or thereabouts. The Name it bears is that of a Nation of the Huron Language settled on its Border, and which the Iroquois have entirely destroyed. Erié means Cat, and the Eriés are

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