

The *Iroquefe* are an insolent and barbarous Nation, and have shed the Blood of more than two Millions of People in that vast extended Country : They would never cease from disturbing the Repose of the *Europeans*, were it not for fear of their Fire-Arms ; for they entertain no Commerce with them, unless it be for Arms, which they buy on purpose to use against their Neighbours, and by means of which they have extended their bloody Conquests five or six hundred Leagues beyond their own Precincts, exterminating whatever Nation they hate.

I remained here two Years and a Half, and then return'd in a *Canoe* down the River St. *Lawrence* to *Quebec*. *Left Quebec Sept 1578*

Having tarry'd there till those who were expected from *Europe*, to bear Part in this Discovery, were arriv'd, I embark'd in a small *Canoe*, made of the Bark of Birch Trees, carrying nothing with me but one Blanket, and a Matt of Rushes, which was to serve me for Bed and Quilt. I arriv'd at *Frontenac* the 2d of *November*, and on the 18th embark'd on board a Brigantine, about 10 Tuns and 15 Men : We sail'd on till we came to the further End of the Lake *Ontario*, and on the 6th of *January* enter'd the River *Niagara*, where we set our Carpenters, and the rest of the Crew, to Work, in building a Fort and some Houses ; but foreseeing that this was like to give Jealousy to the *Iroquefe*, we told those of the Village of *Niagara*, that we did not intend to build a Fort on the Bank of their River, but only a great Store-house, to keep the Commodities we had brought to Supply their Occasions, and to remove their Suspicion. Mr. *De la Motte*, our Captain, thought