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MR. ANDREWHUNTER'S FASHION OF WEIGHING.

I am sure, Mr. Editor, you are desirous of knowing what decision Mr. Hunter arrived at after reading the authorities quoted above, absolutely the only ones bearing on the question of distance in our case. It is a ponderous decision, but he does not condescend to emitphien us, poor non-experts, as to the mental process by which he reached it. He says: "The records left by the early Jesuits distinctly tell us; (according to any rational interpretation of their words) that the position St. Ignace was some three miles nearer than this place (The Martyrs' Hill, lot 4, con. wii., Tay) to the Fort Ste. Marie on the Wye, and a site at the distance they give answers the description very well:"

It is painful to have to expose not only the illogical conclusions of Mr. Andrew Hurnter, but what is more, the seeming inability to master the meaning of a simple statement. At times, he sees distinctly, in a phrase, exactly the reverse of what it asserts, witness the above. It would be a meaningless question to ask Mr. Hunter where is the site "which answers the description very well." It he means one that lies at the distance at which it should lie from Stc. Marie I. Such a site can never be that of St. Ignace II.

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If, however, Mr. Hunter shows a weakhess for any of the writers mentioned above, it is rather for Christophe Regnaut, provided he cam manage to make him say what he never said, and judging by the expressions used, never intended to say. Here then is a sample of "rational interpretation". Regnaut said, if you remember, that Brebeuf and Lalemant had "set out from our cabin (cabane) to go to a small town (bourg) named St. Ignace, distant from our cabin about a short quarter of a league, to instruct the savages and Christian neophytes of that town." Turning to page 17 of Mr. Hunter's mongraph of Tay, I read; "The latter writer (Christophe Regnaut) uses the name "St. Ignace" (really applied to the mission among all these villages, as Reguenceau tells us) for the village to which the two missionaries had set out, and does not mention the name "St. Louis." By means of this manipulation Mr. Hunter hopes to be enabled to conclude that Regnaut really meant that the village of St. Louis and not St. Ignace, and restricted himself to that expression, then, in the order of things possible, he might have intended to mean "to go to the mission of St. Louis, most of the region can describe the same direction from St. Marie, to determine further to what the same direction the line deflects at St. Louis, nothing I should be a complexed that the will have in the order of things possible, he might have intended to mean "to go to the mission of St. Louis from the Old Fort of St. Louis foot the region can describe the region can describe the region can describe the region and deflects at St. Louis, nothing I should be remained to the region can describe the region can describe the region can describe the region can

pression, then, in the order of things possible, he might have intended to mean "to go to the mission of St. Ignace." But "St. Ignace" is qualified by Regnaut, for he says expressly, "to a town named St. Ignace," the word town being made use of twice in the phrase; and what makes the real sense still clearer, the word town is also qualified, "to go to a small town named St. Ignote as a small town named St. Ignote named Nam

necessarily minute study of the phy necessarily minute study of the physical features of the region can determine. Knowing, however, from the old records, were it only in a general way, that the site of St. Ignace II, was a commanding one, this knowledge may be turned to good account. At six miles from Ste. Marie I., or three from St. Louis towards the parthest there is makes the real sense still clearer, the wor'd town is also qualified, "togo to a small town named St. Ignace." Now if in this phrase I substitute "mission" for "town" the phrase will read "to go to a small mission named St. Ignace, "which conveys a meaning historically false, for the mission of St. Ignace was anything but small. To stop to consider the rickety scaffolding, reared with much effect on this insecure foundation, would be a waste of time; and after examining the evidence produced above, nobody is going to believe that the village of St. Louis was but a mile from Ste. Marie I., nor that St. Ignace should be identified with the Newton Farm at about three miles from the ruins of the Old Fort.

If Mr. Hunter wishes to account in great measure for the extensive Indian remains which the line strikes when swinging round to the provided provided the extensive Indian remains which the line strikes when swinging round to the provided provided provided the extensive Indian remains which the line strikes when swinging round to the provided provided

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was small considering the entire length of the circumvallution, while "plus faible que les autres," asserts that the remaining space was weaker than any of the other three sides. BRESSANI'S DESCRIPTION.—
"So steatthily did they (the Iroquois) make their way through the forests, that, at the break of day, on Merch 16 without having so far. on March 16, without having so far betrayed their approach, they reach-ed the gates of the first village of the Hurons, named St. Ignace. Its site and the fortifications construct-ed thereon at our instigation, ren-dered it impregnable, at least for sa-vages. But as its inhabitants were taken unawares, while the bulk of their braves were abroad, some bent their braves were abroad, some bent on ascertaining if the enemy had al-ready taken the field, others to en-gaged in the hunt, the Iroquois easily managed to approach under cover of darkness, and, at dawn, as we have said, to effect a breach while the inhabitants were still fast asleep." (Maytic, Translation, p. 852, line (Maytic, Translation, p. 852, line

inhabitants were still fast asleep." (Martin's Translation, p. 852, line 11, et ss.)
It goes without saying that Mr. Hunter had read all this. Yet, with consummate assurance, and that assumption of superiority which characterizes his whole "circular letter" from start to finish, he dictatorially lays it down as an infallible dictum.

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the man who would pose as the centhe man who would pose as the censor of historical and archaeological error, and lead those much-to-be-pit-ied people, led astray by the glowing newspaper account of the Shrine, back into the paths of truth. The ditch, it is to be feared, is not far

THE BLIND LEADING THE BLIND 'Fossé profond' (with an acute accent over the e) is not simply "a channel or trench". It is here used as a term in the art of fortification, and under this heading it signifies moat: "Entourer d'un fossé, (fort), wo moat." (Spiers and Surenne's Dictionary, N.Y., Appleton, 1862): "fossé (acute accent over the e) (Fort.) moat" (Clifton and Grimaux's Dict., Paris and London, Garnier Bros. and Hatchette & Collatest edition.) Nor is it here an ordinary moat or ditch dug by the hand of man, for it is qualified in the text; "qui (i.e. la place) estoit entourée d'une palisade de preux, de la hauteur de quinze à seize pieds, et THE BLIND LEADING THE BLIND entourée d'une palisade de pleux de la hauteur de quinze à seize pieds, et d'un fossé profond, dont la nature avoit puissaniment fortifié ce lieu par trois costez, étc." (Rel. 1649, p. 10, col. 2, Quebec edit.). The Cleveland edition (vol. 34, p. 122,) has "pins" instead of "pieux." The phrase literally translated should read: "Which (place) was surrounded to the clevely proporty of profession and estable clevely proporty direction and estable intrase literally translated should comman read: "Which (place) was surrounded with a stockade of posts (or pine trees) from lifteen to sixteen feet in height, and by a deep moat, wherewith nature had powerfully fortified the place on three sides, etc." To be "powerfully fortified by a deep moat" implies more than a trench, and as it was nature's A COM

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moat was limited to three sides only differentiates it from any other commanding position lying in the proper direction and at the clearly determined distance from the Old Fort on the Wye. When Mr. Andrew Hunter shall have discovered such a site it will be time enough to think of changing the position of the shrine.