

VOYAGES AND EXPLORATIONS

mediately engulfed in the whirlpools of the rapids, which turned them around a thousand times, up and down, and did not release them for a long time. At last the violence of the water tired them out so much that this poor Louis, who did not know anything about swimming, lost his head, and as the canoe was under water he had to let go of it. When it came to the surface again the two others, who kept holding on to it, did not see our Louis any more, and so he died miserably.

When they had got beyond this fall, Outetoucos, being naked and having confidence in his power to swim, abandoned the canoe to get to the land, but as the water there was very swift he was drowned. For he was so tired out and overcome by the labor that he had had that it was impossible for him to save himself.

Our savage, Savignon, being more cautious, kept holding to the canoe firmly until it was in an eddy whither the current had carried it; and knew so well how to act, in spite of the effort and fatigue that he had undergone, that he came very quietly to land, where he threw the water out of the canoe. He returned in great fear that vengeance would be taken upon him, as they do toward one another; and