

e to enable his son, a boy  
 . This circumstance was  
 ng we overtook this man,  
 were dead; this question,  
 fear, lest they should still  
 doubt but that the first  
 state, and the danger of  
 d not think proper at first  
 without any more ado I  
 ething to eat, and for this  
 st not resist; we were two  
 at is more, resolved not to  
 He admitted that he had  
 he did not refuse to share  
 he place where he had hid-  
 piece half cooked; we then  
 wife take the rest, and led  
 e had left Mr. Furst. This  
 extreme impatience. When  
 o expire. You may imagine  
 that we had food and assist-  
 ce of bear meat; we put the  
 oth all night long, which we  
 fear our Indian, who would  
 uld decamp. When the day  
 clearly to understand that he  
 where the boat was, in which  
 nduce him not to refuse our  
 e would use him very roughly  
 about it. The fear of being  
 construct a sled, on which he  
 igns for Leger and me to drag

it, wishing, doubtless, to tire us out, and oblige us to give up aid which cost us so dear. We might have forced him to carry the canoe himself, but this violence seemed to me out of place; it was better to manage our Indian, and all we could do was to use precaution, so as not to be duped. I will tell you, in my eighth letter, what these precautions were, and that one, I believe, will enable me to conclude my shipwrecks, and tell you of my return to France.

I am ever, with perfect attachment, my dear brother,

Your very affectionate brother,

EMMANUEL CRESPEL, *Recollect.*

Paderborn, April 24, 1742.

LETTER VIII.

MY DEAR BROTHER:—I should have sent you the close of my narrative last month, had I not been obliged to spend some weeks in the country. During all my absence, I could not find a single quarter of an hour of which I was master enough to devote to satisfying your curiosity completely. I returned only yesterday to Paderborn. I made several visits this morning; some you know are indispensable, and I sacrifice the rest of the day.

I required of the Indian and his wife that they should go ahead, under the pretext of clearing the way; but I did not end my precautions here. I told them that the child would get tired on that march, and that he must