

the first day, as the Relation just cited pretends, for a man is very fortunate who can make seven or eight going up the stream in a canoe. On the 15th of May he fell sick,¹ and detached the Chevalier de Tonti, with instructions to use all possible diligence to reach Michillimakinac.² For his own part, he proceeded to spend part of the winter at the Bay,³ and did not reach Quebec till the spring of the ensuing year, 1683.⁴ Some months after he embarked for France,⁵ taking with him the Sieur de la Forest, Major of Caterocouy, a very worthy man and good officer, who served the king most faithfully in America.

Many changes had taken place in the colony during the absence of Mr. de la Sale, and many were not so favorably disposed towards him as they were when he began his explorations. The misunderstanding between the governor-general and the intendant had reached such a point, that it was no longer possible for them to dwell together. It is certain that the court ascribed the greatest wrong to the Count de Frontenac; but Mr. du Chesneau, worthy man as he was, had not complaisance enough to bear with the haughty manners and domineering humor of the general, although the minister and the king himself had commended nothing so earnestly; thus for lack of patience to leave the Count de Frontenac in the wrong, he some-

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lived some days on potatoes and alligator, and on some dried meat found at the mouth of the river, that proved to be human flesh.

¹ On his return up, the Quinipisas again refused the calumet, but firearms dispersed them. A truce was made, but they attacked his camp at night, April 18th, and were repulsed after a fight in which la Salle killed ten and wounded many. May 1, la Salle was at Koroa; 18th he left Akansa with two canoes, and fell sick at Fort Prudhomme, one hundred leagues below the Illinois River: le Clercq, ii., pp. 239-246;

Tonty, in Margry, pp. 20, 21. Tonty went on to Michillimakinac, and la Salle, on recovering, followed by way of Chicago, and late in September reached the River of the Miamis.

² Tonty, Mem. in Margry, p. 21.

³ I find no authority for this, and it looks improbable.

⁴ He left Fort St. Louis in Sept., 1683: Tonty, Memoire in Margry, p. 21; N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 799.

⁵ He reached Quebec in Nov., and Rochelle Dec. 23: le Clercq, ii., 271. Tonty is obscure. De la Barre to Seignelay, Nov., 1683; N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 204.