

[1] Relation of what occurred in the mission of
the Society of JESUS, in the land of the
Hurons, in the Year 1637.

*Sent to Kebec to the Reverend Father Paul le Jeune, Superior of
the Missions of the Society of JESUS, in new France.*

CHAP. I.

A RECITAL OF THE MORE MEMORABLE EVENTS WHICH
OCCURRED FROM THE MONTH OF JULY TO
THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, ARRANGED
IN THE FORM OF A JOURNAL.

SOME one may perhaps find that I am recording here many things of less importance than this title indicates. But I am writing to your Reverence, and, on that account, I call "memorable events" all those which can [2] afford you some consolation, and give you a knowledge of the customs of our Savages.

I will begin with the date of the embarkation for the trading at Kebec, which was the 22nd of July, 1636. We had been waiting a long time for this day. This so notable delay, and the rumors of war which had caused many to change the paddle for bow and arrows, gave us some reason to fear that they might content themselves with their old kettles for this year — which could not be done without seriously affecting the affairs of Christianity, as both spiritual and temporal help come to us here only through the medium and the hands of the Savages.