

fifth day they arrived at the first village of the Neutral Nation, named Kandoucho, to which they gave the surname of "all Saints."¹⁶

As we were not ignorant of the evil tendency in the minds of these People,—saturated solely with all the ill-natured remarks that had been made concerning us in our quarters in past years, and who, besides, had no other knowledge of us,—we deemed it expedient to go to them with presents, and to have in view some assembly of the Captains and Aged men whom we could enlighten as to our intentions.

For this purpose it was necessary to apply to one of the Captains, named Tsohahissen, who managed the public affairs. His village was in the midst of the country;¹⁷ in order to reach it, we were obliged to pass through many other villages and hamlets, on arriving at which the Fathers were much surprised to find that terror had gone before them and had caused [63] the doors of the cabins everywhere to be closed. The name of Echon (which the Savages have given at all times to Father de Brebeuf) resounded on all sides, as that of one of the most famous sorcerers or demons that had ever been imagined. However, the pretext of trade made everything easy, and this consideration enabled them to reach quite successfully even the village of the chief Captain, who chanced to be away at war, and would not return until Spring. Our Fathers appealed to those who were conducting the affairs in his absence; they explained to them their plan of publishing the Gospel throughout the extent of these territories, and of forming, by this means, a special alliance with them. As a proof of this, they had brought a collar