

give their word that they would settle here to till the soil, as the [334 i.e., 134] dread of their enemies, the Hiroquois, caused them too much terror. Not that they do not feel secure near our houses, but they would be afraid to leave them for the purpose of fishing or hunting. Their enemies can easily lie in wait for them and prepare ambushes for those who wander any distance from the defended places. So that I have some difficulty in believing that there will ever be a very large number of Savages at Nostre Dame de Mont-real, until either the Hiroquois are subjugated, or we make peace with them. Let us hope that this may come to pass, in spite of present difficulties. So many prayers will be addressed to Heaven in either France, that at length the God of Heaven and earth will grant his blessing to this poor country. *Et videbit omnis caro salutare suum. Amen, Amen.*