

[450] Letter from the Rev. Father Jogues to the
Rev. Father André Castillon, of
the Society of Jesus.

Montréal, this 12th of September, 1646.

MY REVEREND FATHER,
Pax Christi.

I have received what it has pleased your Reverence to write me. It obliges us to give you some information of our new France, and especially of what concerns me in particular.

I passed the winter at Montréal with Father Le Jeune. In the middle of May, I departed from three Rivers in company with Monsieur Bourdon, engineer of New France,¹¹ to make a journey to the Iroquois, from which we returned in good health at the beginning of July. Monsieur our Governor was very glad to have him accompany me, that he might become acquainted with the country. We made a tolerably accurate map of these regions,* and were well received both by the Dutch, through whose territory we passed, and by the savages. The principal Europeans were not there, having gone to the other settlement, which is toward the sea, and is the chief one for business. We did not lack exercise in this journey, either on water or on land; we made at least 100 leagues on foot, and were usually well laden. I baptized, in the village where we remained a few days, some sick children who, as I believe, are now

* We have not been able to find this map. [Rochemonteix.]