

of Montréal, where we are, which is much milder and more temperate than Québec; besides it is in a middle latitude, namely, 45 degrees. More than 80 huron canoes have just come down bearing a quantity of skins, which gives hopes of a still better year than the preceding one, which was very good. I do not know whether this will catch the eyes of the Gentlemen of the Company, who could scarcely furnish shipping when they had the trade. It is a fortunate occurrence that God has bestowed the peace with this change, which is very advantageous to the country. May God make it grow in spiritual blessings even more than in temporal, and if *Magnificat quietem, magnificet et lætitiā*; but principally may he bestow an abundance of his Holy Spirit upon those who labor for the spiritual interests of these countries. It is this for which I beg Your Reverence to entreat Our Lord, and especially to remember at the altar a poor priest, who is about to remain 8 or 9 months without mass. It will be to me an increase of obligation to be, more than [452] ever, my Reverend Father, your very humble and obedient servant in God,

ISAAC JOGUES.

Montréal, this 12th of September, 1646.

I shall depart in 2 or 3 days for the Iroquois journey.

Still, for life, all in Our Lord.

September 21, at 3 Rivers.