

the salvation of souls. I know well that the inconsistency of the Hiroquois was quite enough to give them those feelings of distrust; but—as they were almost universal, and in the most courageous souls; and as, furthermore, they produced moral actions, acts of humility, and inclinations for going to Heaven—one must not doubt that they took their source in the blood of Jesus Christ, whence proceeds everything which tends toward, and which leads us to, our salvation.

In conclusion, those treacherous people have often prowled about the settlement of Three Rivers, but much oftener about that of Montreal; which has caused Monsieur d'Aillebourts to fortify himself ably. He is praiseworthy in this respect,—having preferred to give up some very important private undertakings than to be wanting to the public. The settlers at Three Rivers [24] have also joined and assembled themselves together that they may more easily resist the incursions and robberies of those Barbarians.

Now it must not be imagined that the rage of the Hiroquois, and the loss of several Christians and Catechumens, are capable of nullifying the mystery of the Cross of Jesus Christ, or of checking the efficacy of his blood. We shall die, we shall be captured, we shall be burned. Granted; but the bed does not always make the most glorious death. I see no one here lowering his head; on the contrary, people ask to go up to the Hurons, and some protest that the fires of the Hiroquois constitute one of their motives for undertaking so dangerous a journey.

At the same time when God has scourged us on one side, he seems to choose to console us on the other.