RELATION OF 1647

Our Fathers with the Hurons have sent us word that the Savages of Anastohé.- whom we believe to be neighbors to Virginia,29 and who had formerly close alliances with the Hurons, insomuch that there are still found in the Huron country people from their districts,- those Savages, I say, have conveyed these few words to the Hurons: "We have learned that you [25] had enemies. You have only to say to us, 'Lift the axe'; and we assure you, either they will make peace, or we will make war on them." The Hurons, very joyful at these fine offers, have sent an Embassy to those peoples. The Chief of this Embassy is a worthy Christian, accompanied by eight persons, four of whom have embraced the Faith of IESUS CHRIST. It must not be feared that the children of God and the Gospel laborers lack assistance; if they are not wanting in courage, crosses and sufferings are the mark and the characteristic of their mission.

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