

In the months of May and June, the Father wrote several letters, by warriors who were coming to hunt men upon the great stream of Saint Lawrence; he told them that they should fasten these letters to some poles on the banks of that great river. Be this as it may, one of them was delivered to Monsieur our Governor, on the occasion which we have described in chapter 12 of the relation for the year 1642, where the copy of that letter is written at full length.

[109] About that time,—some Hiroquois Captains going to visit some small nations which are, as it were, tributary to them, in order to get some presents,—that man who had the Father in custody, being of the party, led him in his train; his design was to display the triumphs of the Hiroquois over even the nations which are in Europe. God was intending to save some soul by the means of his servant, who did not fail, as soon as he had entered into any village, to visit all the cabins and to baptize the dying children,—and, even further, fully adult persons, when he had the means to instruct them. Going, then, from cabin to cabin, he perceived a young man who was very ill; the latter, turning to the Father, said to him, “Ondesson,”—calling him by the Savage name which he bore in those regions,—“dost thou not know me? Dost thou remember well the favor that I did thee at thy entrance into the country of the Hiroquois?” “I do not remember having ever seen thee,” said the Father to him; “but, then, what favor didst thou do me?” “Dost thou indeed remember,” he replies, “a man who cut the bonds, in the third village of the Agneronon Hiroquois, when thou wert at the end of thy strength?” [110] “I remember it very well; that man greatly obliged