

## CHAPTER II.

OF WHAT PASSED BETWEEN THE FRENCH AND THE  
SAVAGES, THEIR ALLIES, AND THE HIROQUOIS.

ON the eighteenth of May, two canoes full of Hiroquois crossed the great River in sight of the fort of Montreal. They coolly landed [13] on the Island, and, without manifesting any apprehension, seven or eight of their band went straight to the French quarter. Monsieur de Maison-neufve, the Governor of the Island, sent out some soldiers to reconnoitre. When the Barbarians observed them, they halted, and made signs that they wished a parley. Two Interpreters were sent, and remained with them a very long time. "We have no war with the French," they said; "we war only on the Algonquins who alone are our enemies. Let us forget the past, and renew peace more strongly than ever." Our Interpreters were delighted with this fine speech, and reciprocally assured them of the sincerity of our thoughts, and the kindness of our hearts. In a word, they became so confident that two Hiroquois passed in among the party of French, while one of the two interpreters went to join the Hiroquois, for both sides spoke to one another only from a distance. Monsieur de Maison-neufve, who feared a surprise, went with some soldiers to the spot where this parley was going on; and, after having given [14] the Interpreter who was with the Hiroquois to understand that he should try to escape