

## CHAPTER III.

## OF THE ARRIVAL OF THE HURONS, AND OF THE DEFEAT OF SOME HIROQUOIS.

ON the seventeenth day of July of this year, 1648, about a hundred Hiroquois — of whom I have spoken in the foregoing Chapter, and who had no wish to return to their own country without striking some blow worthy of notice — approached to within cannon-range of the fort of three Rivers. Some Hurons among those who dwell in our settlements through fear of their enemies, — who, like sprites, infest the woods and rivers, — joined our French, and, with a small party of Algonquins, went to meet them. When the Hiroquois saw us advancing, they halted, and made signs that they wished to confer with us peaceably; and, at the same time, some [35] of them came forward between the two parties, to speak to us; our people, to the same number, approached them. They asked us to give or sell them some provisions. We replied that, if they would go and get their French prisoners, they would receive every satisfaction. They pretended to be pressed by hunger, but we have since learned that these appearances were assumed in order to surprise us, for we found more than eighty sacks of Indian corn in their fort. When they found that we were on our guard, they withdrew, greatly dissatisfied. As they were turning away, a Huron, who was