

Hurons—lay in wait for them on their return; but Charles [53] suspected this, and avoided their ambushes by making a wide circuit through the woods by devious paths, and by crossing almost inaccessible mountains; this compelled him on his return to perform in forty days, with inconceivable fatigue, a journey that had occupied him ten days, in going from the Neutral Nation to Andastoé.

We have not yet had any news from the Huron who remained behind at Andastoé when Charles left; but we are certain that the Andastoeronnon Ambassadors reached the enemies' country; for Jean Baptiste Atironta—who was at Onnontaé at the end of the Summer, in connection with the treaty of peace of which we spoke in the foregoing Chapter—had positive news of it, and even saw the presents that were sent from Andastoé for that purpose. For all these peoples have no voice, except it be accompanied by presents; these serve as contracts, and as public proofs, which are handed down to posterity, and attest what has been done in any matter.

The design of the Andastoeronnons is, it is said, to bring about peace between our [54] Hurons and the Onneiochronnons, the Onnontaeronnons, and the Ouionenronnons,—and even, if possible, with the Sonnontoueronnons; also to renew the war that they waged a few years ago with the Annieronnons, if these refuse to enter into the same treaty of peace.

When Charles Ondaaiodiont was at Andastoé, he went to see the Europeans, their allies, who are at a distance of three days' journey from that place. They received him with much kindness. Charles did not fail to tell them that he was a Christian, and requested them to take him to their Church, that he