

## CHAPTER SECOND.

## DESCRIPTION OF THE COUNTRY OF THE HURONS.

THE Country of the Hurons is a part of new France, which is between the 44th and 45th degrees of latitude, and in longitude about three-quarters of an hour farther toward the West than Kebek, but more than six whole hours from Rome. In the direction of the summer Sunset, it has a lake of [6] about 1200 miles in circumference, which we call "the fresh-water sea," where the flow and ebb of tides can be observed,—a rare thing away from the sea. It has innumerable Islands,—and, among others, one 200 miles in circumference, inhabited by some Barbarians, whom they call *ondata-uauat*.<sup>19</sup> At the West, along the shores of this lake, was the nation which we called "Tobacco," because this plant was produced there in abundance; this nation was not distant from us more than 35 or 40 miles. Southward, a little toward the West, came the neutral nation, whose first villages were not more than 100 miles distant from the Hurons; the territory of this nation extended through the space of 150 miles. Thence, moving from the neutral nation a little toward the East, one reached new Sweden, where also dwell the *Andastogenronons*,—who are allied to our Hurons, and speak a language not very different from theirs,—distant from us, in a direct route, about 500 miles. Beyond that same neutral nation, in a direction nearly South, there is