

hoped for a passage in order to reach other nations farther on, who dwell along a lake larger than the fresh-water sea, which takes its origin thence, and extends between the West and the north. A Peninsula, or Strip of land, divides this lake from the one which is called "lake of the Stinkards",—people so named by reason of having formerly inhabited the shores of the sea, which they call Stinking water, and who have a language altogether unknown to us.

Now, under the name of "Mission of the Hurons," we comprehended all these vast countries; and our design was, never to stop in the seeking out of new Peoples,—to whom we hoped that a Colony in the country of the Hurons might be the key,—had not the inscrutable judgments of God otherwise disposed.