

Those were the few observations we took of the last Comet.

Not merely from the summit of the Heavens did God address us in this language of the Stars, but he also [114] made himself heard from a less distance; for from the Sky, the Moon, and even the Earth, we saw, heard, and felt some unusual manifestations of his Almighty power.

On the twenty-seventh of December of the year 1664, the Moon presented a very strange appearance after midnight, one half of it being blood-red, and the other so bright as to dazzle the beholder's eyes.

On Monday, the nineteenth of January, 1665, about a quarter to six in the evening, there was heard to come from beneath the ground a report so loud as to be taken for a cannon-shot. This sound was heard by persons distant three and four leagues from one another; while our Savages, knowing that the cannon is not fired toward evening, except to [115] give warning of the appearance of Iroquois, left the woods where they were, and came all through the night to ask us why we had fired such a terrible cannon-shot.

About seven minutes after this report, there appeared over Quebec a ball of fire which merely passed by, coming from the mountains toward the North and emitting so bright a light that houses two leagues from Quebec were seen as in broad day.

In the course of the year there were seen several other similar fire-balls, not only at Quebec, but below Tadoussac, and on the way to Three Rivers.

Besides the moderate earthquakes and frequent rumblings in the neighboring coast districts, there have been shocks of unusual severity [116] seven or eight leagues from here, occurring two or three times