

middle of the same avenue, they erected a bower, and ornamented it with various kinds of foliage, in order that Monseigneur the bishop might there receive their first congratulatory address. Beginning at the platform, they had prepared a long arbor of green boughs, by which one could go under the leafy shade from the water's edge To the church. At the middle of this arbor, which was 2 or 300 paces in length, a Bower of verdure was erected, having seats of turf, in which was to be offered the 2nd Congratulation; and at the door of the church, where the walk ended, there was still another green bower, in which Monseigneur was to be addressed for the 3rd time.

Their preparations being thus made, and all being ranged along the river-bank,—on one side all the savages, decked out with their gaudiest ornaments; and on the other all the frenchmen, who live on this Côte in a goodly number,—it only remained to await the coming of Monseigneur the Bishop.

He was at montreal, where he had made his entry two Days before; in the afternoon of the third day, he embarked in a canoe to cross over Hither, having nearly two leagues to cover by the route that he was to take.

While he is voyaging, It will be well to observe, in passing, what retinue This great prelate has, when making his visits. He had, in his train, only one ecclesiastic, and two persons to manage a small bark Canoe in which he sat. It is a very dangerous conveyance when one has not men very expert in that kind of navigation; and it may be very uncomfortable, since one is exposed in it to all inclemencies of the weather. In fact, on the Day when he arrived at montreal, there fell upon him [he was exposed to] a heavy shower [which fell upon him] for more than 3 leagues.

Happily, the weather was very fine on the Day which he selected for honoring us with his visit. At 3 o'clock in