

employ the proceeds of thy hunting solely in procuring provisions for thyself and thy family? He considers solely thy welfare in this. Does he derive any benefit from it?" They all said: "Thou art right; he does well in forbidding us to get drunk." And several added: "We have long desired that we should be really prevented from drinking. We could not do it of ourselves, without an order from the great Captain—both against our drunkards and against the french who make us drink, almost in spite of ourselves." "I never go to Quebec," some would occasionally say to me, "without being strong in this thought: 'No, I will not obey the frenchman who will say to me, 'Here, my brother, drink; I greet thee.''" But, when I am there, he teases me so much that I must yield to him. Oh, it is a good thing that he is positively forbidden to make me drink, and I to obey him when he tries to do so. Now we people are weak with regard to liquor; and a sharp warning was needed to stop us. Courage, our Father; watch the french well, so that they may not intoxicate any of our people. We are going away from the English solely because they tormented us too much, and would give us nothing but liquor for all our peltries; and we see here many frenchmen who wish to do the same. Our Father, we ask thee to take steps to prevent them from giving us intoxicating liquor as eagerly as they do. To thus deceive us by urging us to drink, in order to make us spend in this way all that we bring back from our hunt, is just the same as if they robbed us." I repeat, as nearly as I can in our language, the expressions used by our Savages when they state their opinion to me respecting liquor. In