

before 8. Study the next eclipses, and let us know the result. A large bark sailed from Quebec for the cod-fishery, but two english ketches appeared and captured it, landing a portion of the crew, and taking the remainder to Baston. Two vessels that came from France under the command of two worthy Canadian ship-captains, brothers of one of our little pupils, nearly took me with them to Hudson's bay, where they are going to fight the English and to take port Nelson, which was ours for some time.¹⁹ This would have been a fine voyage for me, and I would have had a little parish of our Saultois,—that is, of our christian Iroquois who dwell at the Sault. I would have wintered beyond the 50th degree of latitude—that is to say, where the winter sun rises above the horizon only to the height of the trees, and where there is really only twilight. But the father who teaches mathematics in Québec, named father Silvie, who has already wintered in that region, has gone thither. To come to news of the Iroquois, we have some slight hopes of peace; we expect a general diet of the nations at Montréal in a month, if the Iroquois do not deceive us. *We have learned from a frenchman recently escaped from the iroquois, who was captured when I was taken to catarakou five years ago, that father Milet—who has been for four years a prisoner among the iroquois, and who succeeded me at fort frontenak where he was captured—is highly esteemed by the people of his village; but that he has much to endure from the people of the other villages and from the english—although the minister, whose name is d'ollius, and who speaks french well, has greatly relieved the father in his captivity. The father is a true martyr to charity, and a man of God,*