

The villages of the *Akensas* are wrongly placed on the map. The river at its mouth makes a fork; into the upper branch flows a river that the Savages call *Niska*, "*white water*,"—which is not marked on the map, although it is a large stream. We entered by the lower branch; from the mouth of this branch to the place where the river divides, it is seven leagues. Thence it is two leagues to the first Village, which contains two Tribes, the *Tourimas* and the *Toungas*; from this first Village to the second it is two leagues by water, and one by land; this is called the *Southouis* village. The third Village is a little higher up on the same side of the river, and the inhabitants are called the *Kappas*; on the other bank, and opposite this last Village, are the French habitations. The three savage Villages—which contain four Tribes, that bear different names—make only one Tribe, under the common name of *Akensas*—which the French have also given to the river, although the Savages call it *ni gitai*, "*red water*." They speak the same language, and number in all about twelve hundred souls.

We were not far distant from these Villages when a party of little Savages, having perceived us, gave a great shout and ran toward the Village; a French pirogue which had preceded us by a day had given notice of our coming. We found all the people of the Village assembled at the landing; as soon as we had stepped ashore a Savage asked one of our men—whom he knew, and who understood the language—*how many moons the black Chief* would remain among them. *Always*, answered this Frenchman; *Thou liest*, rejoined the Savage. The Frenchman replied that he did not lie; that there would