

Letter from Father * * * , Missionary to the
Abnakis.

SAINT FRANÇOIS,
October 21, 1757.

I SET out on the 12th of July from Saint François,—the principal Village of the Abnakis Mission—to go to Montreal; the purpose of my journey was simply to bring to Monsieur the Marquis de Vaudreuil²⁵ a deputation of twenty Abnakis appointed to accompany Father Virot, who has gone to try to found a new Mission among the Loups of *Oyo*, or the beautiful river. The share that I was allowed to have in that glorious enterprise, the events which caused it, and the difficulties that it was necessary to overcome, may furnish hereafter interesting material for another Letter. But I must wait until manifest blessings shall have crowned the efforts which we made to carry the knowledge of Faith to tribes that appear inclined to receive it.

When I arrived at Montreal,—a day and a half distant from my Mission,—I thought myself at the end of my journey; but Providence ordered otherwise. An expedition was projected against the enemy; and, on account of the state of feeling among the Savage Tribes, the greatest success was expected. The Abnakis were to be of the party; and, as all the Christian Savages are accompanied by their Missionaries, who are eager to furnish them the aid suitable to their office, the Abnakis could be sure that I