

destroy them. We told them [we] were very well content. We persuaded them first to come peaceably, not to destroy them presently, and if they would not condescend, then would we throw away the hatchett and make use of our thunders. We sent ambassadors to them wth gifts. That nation called Pontonatemick¹ wthout more adoe comes & meets us wth the rest, & peace was concluded. Feasts were made & dances wth gifts came of each side, wth a great deale of mirth.

We visited them during that winter, & by that means we made acquaintance wth an other nation called Escotecke [Mascoutins], w^{ch} signified fire, a faire proper nation; they are tall and bigg & very strong. We came there in the spring.² When we arrived there weare extraordinary banquets. There they never have seen men wth beards, because they pull their haire as soone as it comes out; but much more astonished when they saw our arms, especially our guns, w^{ch} they worshipped by blowing smoake of tobacco instead of sacrifice. I will not insist much upon their way of living, ffor of their ceremonys heere you will see a pattern.

In the last voyage that wee made I will lett you onely know what cours we runned in 3 years' time. We desired them to lett us know their neighboring nations. They gave us the names, w^{ch} I hope to describe their names in the end of this most imperfect discours, at least those that I can remember. Among others they told us of a nation called Nadoneceronon [Sioux] w^{ch} is very strong, wth whome they weare in warres wth, & another wandering nation, living onely upon what they could come by. Their dwelling was on the side of the salt watter³ in summer time, & in the land in the winter time, for it's cold in their country. They calle

ers only the experiences of Radisson and Groseilliers from the time of their reaching the Montreal river, and entering what is now Wisconsin, in the fall of 1661, until their arrival in the land of the Christinos the following spring (pp. 193-224).

¹ Pottawattomies of the Green bay region.—ED.

² Meaning that they went to visit the Mascoutins, on Fox river, in the spring of 1659.—ED.

³ Hudson's bay.—ED.