

themselves Christinos,¹ & their confederats from all times, by reason of their speech, w^{ch} is y^e same, & often have joynd together & have had companys of souldiers to warre against that great nation. We desired not to goe to the North till we had made a discovery in the South, being desirous to know what they did. They [the Mascoutins] told us if we would goe wth them to the great lake of the stinkings² the time was come of their traffick, w^{ch} was of as many knives as they could gett from the french nation, because of their dwellings, w^{ch} was att the coming in of a lake³ called Superior, but since the destructions of many neighboring nations they retired themselves to the height of the lake. We knewed those people well. We went to them almost yearly, and the company that came up wth us weare of y^e said nation, but never could tell punctually where they lived because they make the barre of the Christinos from whence they have the Castors [beavers] that they bring to the french. This place is 600 leagues off, by reason of the circuit that we must doe. The hurrons & the Octanacks, from whence we came last, furnishes them also, & comes to the furthest part of the lake of the Stinkings, there to have light earthen pots, and girdles made of goat's hairs, & small shells that grow att the sea side, wth w^{ch} they trim their cloath made of skin.

We finding this opportunity would not lett it slippe, but made guifts, telling [them] that the other nation would stand in feare of them because of us. We flattered them, saying none would dare to give them the least wrong, in so much that many of the Octanacks that weare present to make the same voyage. I can assure you I liked noe country as I

¹ Kilistinons, or Kenisteno, now settled in British America and called Crees.—ED.

² Lake Michigan. Du Creux' map of 1660, one of the earliest charts representing this lake, styles it "Magnus Lacus Algonquorum, seu Lacus Foete[n]tium," equivalent to "Great Algonquin Lake; or, Lake of the Puants." As Puant was rendered into English "Stinkard," or "Stinking," and Green bay and Lake Michigan were then regarded as one body of water, it will be seen how that body came to be distinguished by Radisson as "the great lake of the stinkings."—ED.

³ Sault Ste. Marie.—ED.