

cottages. The company gave us great *Ho! ho! ho!* that is, thanks. Our wildmen made others for their interest.

A company of about 50 weare dispatched to warne the Christinos of what we had done. I went myself, where we arrived the 3rd day, early in y^e morning. I was received wth great demonstration of ffriendshippe. All that day we feasted, danced, and sing. I compared that place before to the Buttery of Paris, ffor the great quantity of meat that they use to have there; but now will compare it to that of London. There I received guifts of all sorts of meate, of grease more than 20 men could carry. The custome is not to deface anything that they present. There weare about 600 men in a fort, wth a great deale of baggage on their shoulders, and [they] did draw it upon light slids [sleds] made very neatly. I have not seen them att their entrance, ffor the snow blinded mee. Coming back, we passed a lake hardly frozen, and the sun [shone upon it] for the most part, ffor I looked a while steadfastly on it, so I was troubled wth this seaven or eight days.

The meane while that we are there, arrived above a thousand that had not ben there but for those two redoubted nations that weare to see them doe what they^e never before had, a difference w^{ch} was executed wth a great deale of mirth. I ffor feare of being inuied I will obmitt onely that there weare playes, mirths, and bataills for sport, goeing and coming wth cryes; each plaid his part. In the publick place the women danced wth melody. The yong men that indeavoured to gett a pryse, indeavoured to clime up a great post, very smooth, and greased wth oyle of beare & oriniack grease. The stake was att least of 15 foot high. The price was a knife or other thing. We layd y^e stake there, but whoso could catch it should have it. The feast was made to eate all up. To honour the feast many men and women did burst. Those of that place coming backe, came in sight of those of the village or fort, made postures in similitud of warrs. This was to discover the ennemy by signs; any that

¹Still among the Christinos. This band that the Frenchmen visited was evidently seven days' journey north of the Mille Lacs region.—ED.