

At the entrance of the River destroit, which Is very Wide, there are four islands which are thus named: one, L'île au bois blanc (Whitewood Island); The next, L'île aux poux (Louse Island); Another, L'île aux Esclaves (Slave Island); and The fourth, Grande Isle. The last Is very beautiful, fertile, and large—having, it is said, a circumference of six or seven Leagues. This island has an extraordinary number of apple-trees; those who have seen The apples on the ground say that they lie more than a half a foot thick, and the apple-trees are planted as if it had been done on purpose. The apples are as large as small sweet apples [*pommes d'api*, “bee-apples”]. In this island is found an abundance of very fine mill-stone. The whole circumference of the island abounds in very fine meadow-land, and for a Long time there Was much hesitation in choosing between it and destroit for the settlement; the island Was not taken, for fear that the timber would some day give out. The two sides of the river of destroit are bordered by the most beautiful meadows and the best soil ever seen. The climate is very mild. It is six Leagues from Ile au bois blanc to the fort of destroit, where the French are. Two Leagues from the fort of destroit is an island called île aux dindes (Turkey Island); it is so called because it is always full of turkeys. The island has very little wood, as it contains only meadows. Four or five years ago Le tonnerre [Thunder], a great chief of the renards, was killed there, with two of his tribesmen, by the hurons Established at destroit. The two Renards who Were with le tonnerre were devoured by the crows or other animals; but the body of the chief, a year after, Was still entire and Had not been touched by any of the animals. The fort of destroit Is South of the River. The poutouatamis have their village near the fort. This nation makes its cabins of *apaquois* [mats]; these are made of reeds. All this work is done by the women. This nation is well clothed, like our savages resident at Montreal. The only occupation of the men is to hunt and to adorn themselves. They Use a great deal of Vermillion. They use many buffalo-Robes, highly ornamented, to cover themselves in winter; and in summer they wear Red or blue cloth. In summer they Play a great deal at