

Seven French and 23 Savages who were the first to arrive found themselves face to face with the Enemy. A Savage chief from Sault St Louis, named Onorakinguiak, called out: "My French and Indian brothers, we are dead men, but we must sell our lives very dearly and not let ourselves be captured." They fought so fiercely that they pushed the Enemy back into the Wood where They had taken refuge. When the latter saw only 30 men, They retraced their steps and tried to surround them so as to take them prisoners. Our people perceived this and fell back, fighting all the time. On this occasion the Sieur de Croisille¹ received the wound from which He died. When I arrived with the Sieurs de Lignery, Chevalier de Chaillon and Chabert,² a chief from the Lake of two Mountains, several of us French and Savages, marched upon the Enemy to surround them. One of the 30 men came to report their situation to us. I at once sent All Who were with Me to their assistance, and told them that I would join them as soon as the main body of the party which I expected should arrive. I started about half an hour afterward with the Sieurs de la Perade and St Ours, several French and savages. I dispersed Those who were with Me, some to the right and some to the left, to attack the Enemy. On my side I surrounded seven against whom two shots were fired. I learned at that time that the Sieur Chabert was mortally wounded. About two hours afterward they called out to me that the Enemy were going toward the Wounded to scalp them and this was where the Reserve body was posted. This compelled me to decide to tell our People, as night was approaching, to fall back and seek a place where we could fortify ourselves, secure protection for the wounded, and defend ourselves against the Enemy who were Superior in numbers and quite fresh. I feared with reason, that the Kikapous might side with the stronger, for I saw them On an Eminence and they

¹Sieur de Croissele was a nephew of Pierre le Gardeur de Repentigny, the elder, and cousin of the one who was killed at La Baye in 1733.—Ed.

²A relative of De Joncaire, for whom see *ante*, p. 118.—Ed.