

ment. I should have departed the same day if my Savages would have followed me, but they amused themselves by drinking in the woods of the Miami River; I waited for them the 7th, and the 8th they finally arrived.⁹⁴

The 9th of October, I left the lower end of the straits and spent the night at Point Pellé. During the voyage across Lake Erie, nothing occurred to merit attention. I arrived at Niagara the 19th, where I was delayed for three days by bad weather.

The 22nd, I left Niagara by the Southern shore of lake Ontario to betake myself to fort Frontenac. I spent fourteen days in crossing this lake, during which I had several canoes broken by the impetuosity of the wind, and I arrived the 6th of November at the said fort.

November. I left fort Frontenac. I passed to the establishment of Monsieur Piquet. I had received orders from Monsieur the Marquis de la Galissonnière to note the increase that had been made during my voyage. I found only a desert where I had passed at the beginning of July. Since his departure for Montréal his fort had been burned by Savages who were supposed to have been sent by the English at Choueguen, a great meadow of hay had also been burned, and a kind of redoubt which stood in the angle of a bastion was saved, although it had been fired in several places in the underpinnings. There were only three men on guard at this fort, of whom one had his arm taken off by the explosion of a musket, which burst in his hands while he was drawing on those who set the fire. I enquired whether they knew what tribe had perpetrated this act; they replied that it was two Goyogouins who had passed the summer with Monsieur Piquet and who had been paid by

⁹⁴It will be seen by this description that the expedition did not visit Detroit. During the interval of waiting, however, Father Bonnécamp made a hasty visit to his Jesuit colleagues at that place, and gives a favorable description of its situation. See *Jes. Rel.*, lxi, pp. 191-193.—Ed.