

arriving, day began to break, and I recognized the Dutchman who was closely interrogated as well as the Indians and the three women. Each, individually, said that no other than that canoe, containing six men, visited the Island of Montreal, where they captured the three women; that *Thoianoguen*,¹ White Head, a Mohawk, had gone with four Dutchmen and thirty-two Indians of the Five Nations, near Chateauguay, to make canoes to cross to the Island of Montreal and make a foray there. As I had sent M^r de S^t Pierre opposite the Cascades, nothing more urgent was left for me than to go to their *cache* on the South shore of the little Lake St. Francis, where I arrived at three o'clock in the afternoon, and found seven elm canoes capable of carrying, each, fifteen @ twenty men; all their provisions, powder, ball, deer skins, shoes, awls, blankets, wampum-belts, kettles, &c., which I gave to the nine Indians of the Sault S^t Louis and sixteen Nepissings of the Lake of the Two Mountains who had accompanied me. I had the canoes cut; had mine also concealed in the woods, and I lay in ambush until two o'clock in the afternoon of the next day, when I received two Frenchmen and three Indians sent me by M^r de S^t Pierre, to inform me that he had heard nothing of any enemy. I sent back the five men to M^r de S^t Pierre, with word to range along the bank of the river for about half a league, opposite the island, where the enemy were to pass, in case some canoes should escape me; that I was going to pull up (*me mettre en panne*) at the Cascades at nightfall to wait for them, and if they did not make their appearance in the course of the night, I should conceal myself in the island with my canoes during the day. At two o'clock in the morning I heard and saw M^r de S^t Pierre firing at four canoes which were landing at the place where he lay in ambush. I immediately repaired thither with my whole force. M^r de S^t Pierre had taken nine men prisoners, two of whom were English, one Dutch and six Indians. An Indian who accompanied me in my canoe made another prisoner on arriving there; two others of the enemy's canoes made off higher up at daylight; the two canoes were found but the men had escaped. *Thejanoguen*, with three Dutchmen and ten Indians in two canoes, separated in the traverse, and had been to Chateauguay to strike a blow, having missed doing so on the Island of Montreal, whence they were coming. Being perceived by the Indians of the Lake of the Two Mountains, they abandoned the canoes on the South shore. As *Thejanoguen* was about landing at Chateauguay, he saw M^r de S^t Pierre firing on his people, whereupon he went ashore and abandoned his canoes, which were found, and he struck into the depths of the forest. Of twenty-four men who escaped in all, only eight reached Corlar; the rest died of hunger on the road. *Thejanoguen* got there with two Dutchmen who have been a month sick unto death, as we have learned from a number of prisoners from those parts. After all was done, I proposed to the Indians of the Sault S^t Louis to go all together in pursuit of the enemy; they told me 'twas useless, that they would die on the way, and, moreover, that we had no provisions, which was the truth. The Indians of the Sault have done wonders, having tied their brethren of the Five Nations and repaid one hundred and twenty-five *livres* which the King gave them. It is one of the greatest strokes that could ever be made to get them to attack the Five Nations, who openly threaten them. I arrived to-day at Sault S^t Louis at eleven o'clock of the forenoon, and handed over all the prisoners to the chiefs who asked them from me, to make them sing after their fashion. At one o'clock in the afternoon I demanded them back; they were brought to me, and I arrived at Montreal with the sixteen prisoners, whom I surrendered to M^r de Beaujours, Governor, who detached

¹ From *Anonje*, a head. *Transactions of the American Antiquarian Society*, II., 312. — Ed.