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"having gone a league or two we found two Islands
"the one very small near the Western shore &
"the other in the middle, which may have eight
(37) "or nine hundred paces in circumference of which
"the banks are every where of Rocks three or four
"Toises high, except a small place where is a
"point of Sand and Clay, which may serve for
"making bricks and other necessary purposes.
"There is another shelter'd place where Vessels
"of eighty or an hundred Tons might lie, but
"it is dry at low water. - The Isle is full of
"Firs, Birchies, Maples and Oaks; in itself it
"is a very good situation, and there is but one
"side where it slopes about forty paces, which
"is easy to fortify; - The shores of the main
"land on each side being distant about nine
"hundred or a thousand paces, Vessels cannot pass upon
"the river, but at the mercy of the Cannon of this
"Isle, which is the place that we judged the best,
"as well for its situation and the goodness of the
"Country, as for the communication which we
"proposed to have with the Savages of this Coast
"and of the interior Country, being in the midst
"of them; - whom we hope in process of time to
"civilize and to extinguish the wars which they
"have among themselves and to derive advantage

"from them in future, and to reduce them to the Christi
"an faith. - This Place was named by the Sieur (38)
"De Monts, L'Isle Sainte Croix.

"Passing further on you see a great Bay, in which
"there are two Islands, one high and the other flat, and
"three rivers, two of a middling size, one going eastward,
"the other to the north, and the third a great one which
"goes to the West, and is that of the Estechemins of
"which we have spoken above: - On going up this
"River two leagues, there is a Fall of water, where the
"Savages carry their Canoes over land about five hun
"dred paces; - they then re-enter the River, from which
"afterwards, by crossing a little land, they go into the
"River of Norembegue" (Bendbecol) "and of St. John".

"In this place of the Fall where vessels cannot
"pass on account of the Rocks, and because there is but
"four or five feet water, in May and June there is
"taken so great a quantity of Herrings and Bars
"that vessels might be laden with them. - The
"land is very fine and there are about fifteen or
"twenty arpens of land cleared where the Sieur De Monts
"caused some wheat to be sown, which grew very well.

"The Savages retire there sometimes five or six
"Weeks during the fishery. - The rest of the Country
"is covered with thick Forests; - if the lands were (39)
"cleared, grain would grow there very well. This place
"is in the Latitude of forty five degrees and one third,
"with seventeen degrees thirty two minutes variation
"of the needle".

(a) This is probably the place of the ancient St. John