

Louis Nicolas, S.J.
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Louis Nicolas, S.J., was a Jesuit Priest who travelled widely throughout the Great Lakes in the 17th century. You can read more about Louis Nicolas, S.J., and download the images from the *Codex Canadensis* at: <http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/codex/026014-1200-e.html>. By way of background information, the French frequently referred to Native American chiefs as “captains.” See the Native-American page and subpages on our website for articles and resources regarding Native Americans in the Great Lakes, the Mississippi Valley, and Great Plains: http://www.habitantheritage.org/native_americans



Captain of the Illinois Nation, carrying a pipe and spear



An Ottawa/Odawa with a pipe and tobacco bag



An Iroquois carrying a pipe and war club



A Sioux "King" with a pipe and tobacco bag, armed with a war club



Noupiming-dach-iriniouek or the
Attikamek (a Nation that spoke the Cree language) carrying a war axe



An Onniethéaga (probably an Oneida) smoking tobacco in honor of the Sun which he worships as his personal spirit



This is an illustration of a representative sent by the village of Gannachiou-aé to invite the men from the village of Gandaouagoahga to a game. These Indians believe that the snake is the god of fire. They invoke the god by holding the snake in their hands while they dance and sing.



A Mascoutin equipped with his shield, spear, and arrows

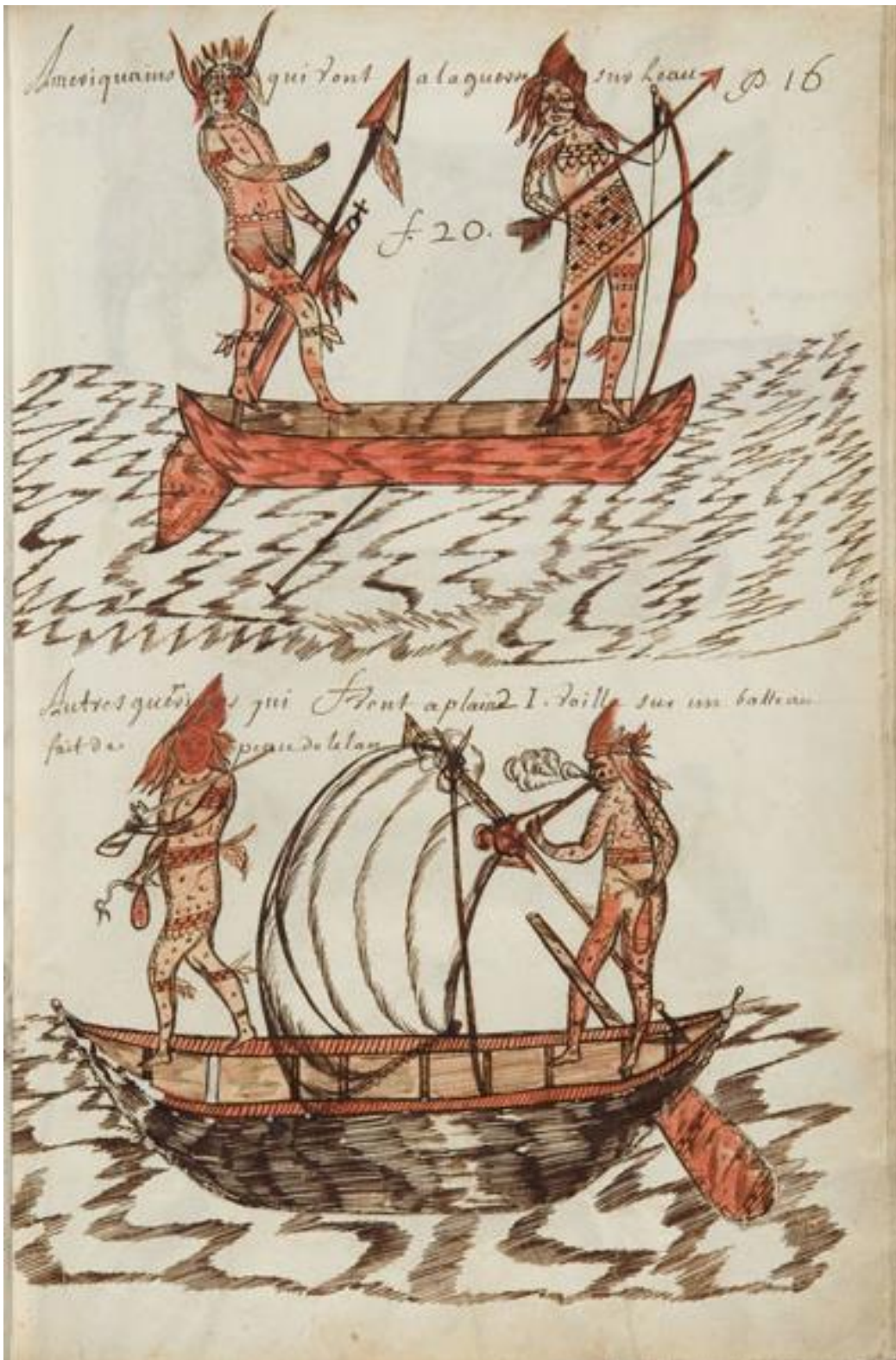


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amizouek dont la nation 17. fournit plusieurs milliers
de castors pour la France

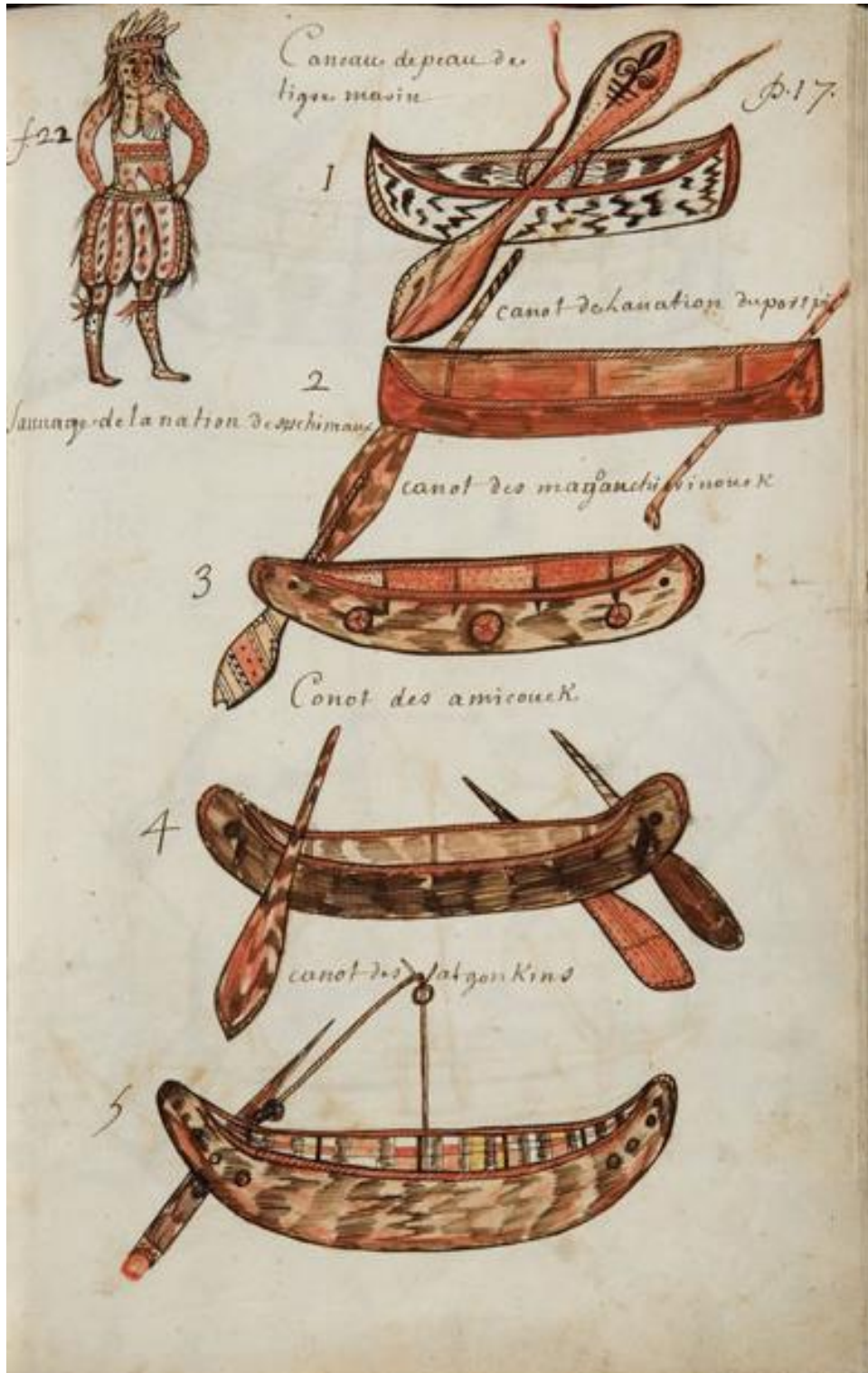
An Amikoué; his nation supplies fur traders with thousands of beaver skins that are sent to France



Illustration of Native Americans fishing from a canoe



Top – Native Americans going to a sea battle
Bottom – Warriors sailing in a boat made of moose hide



An Eskimo and illustrations of various types of Native-American canoes: 1. A canoe made of sea tiger skin; 2. A Porcupine Nation canoe; 3. A Magouachirinouek Nation canoe; 4. An Amicouek or Amikoué canoe; 5. An Algonquin canoe



An Ottawa/Odawa canoe and an Iroquois canoe