

1687-90. shown themselves capable of the greatest crimes ; hence, they met, at first, no resistance.

Joutel  
sent to the  
Cenis.  
(1687.)

The next day, May 21st,<sup>1</sup> all the French, with some Indians, set out for the Cenis village, which was not far distant ; but the weather was so bad, and the road so difficult, that they were soon compelled to halt. On the 29th Joutel was detached, with the surgeon, Liotot, Hiens, and Tessier, to see whether they could not obtain some provisions from the Cenis. On the first day they perceived three well-mounted Indians—one dressed in Spanish style, who came to meet them. They at first took this one for a real Spaniard, more especially as they had heard say that some were coming to join the Cenis against another nation ; and as they were much afraid of falling into the hands of the Spaniards, who were loth to see other Europeans in their vicinity, their first thought was to make away with this one, and then take flight at once.<sup>2</sup>

However, Joutel, going ahead, met him, and addressed him in Spanish and Italian. The Indian replied, in the Cenis language, that he did not understand<sup>3</sup> what he said, and this answer relieved him. The two other Indians were naked, and one of them had a fine gray mare, carrying two neat panniers, made of cane, and full of parched Indian-corn-meal. He presented some to the French, and added that his master was impatiently awaiting them. Joutel asked whether there were any Spaniards among them. They replied that there were none among them, but that there were some among a neighboring nation.<sup>4</sup>

The Indian dressed in Spanish garb added that he had been in their country, and had returned equipped as they

<sup>1</sup> Joutel, speaking of La Salle's death, says (p. 199) that it happened on the 20th ; and, in another place (p. 201), he says, in the margin, that it happened the 19th, which agrees with most of the accounts. But it must be remembered that he did not himself print his work. *Charlevoix*. Father Anastasius (Le Clercq, ii., p. 340 ; Hennepin, p. 243) says the 19th ; but Joutel seems accurate.

<sup>2</sup> Joutel, *Journal Historique*, pp. 202-210.

<sup>3</sup> " Coussica—I do not understand." Joutel, *Journal Historique*, p. 211.

<sup>4</sup> Among the Assonys. Joutel, *Journal Historique*, p. 212.