

saw him. He then drew from his pocket a printed Spanish paper, containing the indulgences granted by the Holy See to the missionaries of New Mexico; after which, he and his two companions continued their route toward the camp; they, nevertheless, changed their minds afterward, and retraced their steps. The French called them back, and offered them food. Shortly after eating, as night had set in, the French did not wish to go any further, and the first Indian remained with them, the two others resuming their route to their village. 1687-90.

The French and their new guest went there in the morning, and proceeded directly to the chief's cabin; but they had scarcely appeared at the entrance of the village, when they perceived the old men coming in ceremony to meet them. They had across their shoulders, as belts, dressed deer-skins, painted various colors, and on their head a tuft of feathers, forming a kind of crown. Some wore square sword-blades, such as Spaniards use, with the hilt adorned with feathers and bells; others were armed with bows, arrows, and tomahawks. Some had great pieces of white cloth passing from one shoulder under the other; all had their faces daubed with black and red.

Their
reception.

These old men were twelve in number, and passed amid the young men and warriors, ranged in line, in good order. As soon as they were near enough to the French, the guide of the latter motioned to them to halt, and the old men at once raised their hands above their heads, uttering loud cries; they then ran up to embrace the French, and gave them, in their fashion, every kind of caress; next they presented them with pipes and tobacco, and at last brought them a Frenchman from Provence—one of those who had deserted from de la Sale on his first journey. He was naked, like the Indians, and could scarcely speak his own language. He seemed charmed to see men of his own country and acquaintance.

The French were conducted, with the escort just described, to the chief's cabin, where they were very well