

like yours." After some other ceremonies, he approached the captives, broke their bonds, and tossed these over the palisades of their fort, exclaiming: "Let the river carry these cords so far away that there may never be a remembrance of them; these young men are no longer captives,—their bands are broken, they are now wholly yours." Then taking a Porcelain collar, he presented it to the Negotiators of the peace with these words: "Keep forever this collar, as a sign of their full and entire liberty." Then causing two packages of beaver skins to be brought, "I do not wish," said he, "to restore you wholly destitute to your brothers; here is something to make for each of them a beautiful robe." He made then a number of presents, according to the custom of the country, in which the term "present" is called "the word," in order to make clear that it is the present which speaks more forcibly than the lips; he made four of these in the name of the four Hiroquois Nations, as a sign that they desired our alliance. Lifting up a beaver robe, "Behold," said he, "the standard that you shall plant upon your fort, when you shall see our canoes appear [157] upon this great river; and, when we see this signal of your friendship, we shall land with confidence at your ports." Taking another porcelain collar, he put it on the ground in the form of a circle; "See," said he, "the house that we shall have at the Three Rivers, when we come there to trade with you; we shall smoke therein without fear, since we shall have Onontio for a brother."

The peace Deputies expressed to these Barbarians a great satisfaction in all that had taken place in this council; they added that they were going to make a