

[252] Then that man continues his discourse, briefly addresses the principal men of the various tribes, and, referring to the presents that are intended for them, and are displayed in a prominent place, he names the Captains, one after the other, saying: "So and so, that collar of porcelain beads will tell your tribe that there is a Captain in Tadoussac, and that Etouait has come back to life." Pointing to a package of Beaver skins, he says to another: "This present, intended for you, will proclaim in your country the fact that we have a Chief, and that death has not utterly destroyed the name of Etouait." The Herald points to as many presents as there are Chiefs of various tribes; but observe that they are not all equal,—some being richer than others, as there are tribes more or less highly esteemed among them. When he has finished his discourse, the Herald sits down, as if to rest; and another officer takes these fine gifts, and distributes them as they have been allotted. When this is done, the Herald resumes his discourse. "Let us rejoice; our Captain's first act is to invite us all to a feast;" and, as he says [253] this, he shows them the kettles full of Indian corn, of plums and grapes. They then begin to sing and dance, each according to the custom of his tribe. As the Captains conclude their songs, they say a few words in praise of him who has just been brought back to life. One calls out: "Let us take courage; this brave man will save the country." Another adds that his liberality will banish poverty, and cause those who shall be under his direction to live a long life. "Rejoice, young men," another will sing; "you have a brave Captain, who will teach you to overcome your enemies." The Father was present