

but hereafter we shall fear nothing,—Captain Etouait will banish all our misfortunes by his liberality. I carry the marks of his goodness” (he showed the collar that had been given to him). “I shall show this to all who have escaped death, to make them wish to range themselves under so brave a Captain. May you live many years, brave Captain, and preserve those who are under your government.”

When this harangue was ended, each withdrew to his own quarters; and the resuscitated Captain, who wished to begin the duties of his office, sent for the leading men of his tribe, and for some poor widows, and forthwith gave them the best that his cabin contained. To one he gave a blanket, to another a robe of Beaver fur, to a third a Calumet, and to others a sack of Indian corn. To the poor women he gave some Beaver skins, with which to make dresses. To some of the warriors, he presented his sword, his dagger, and his pistol, and [256] then he dismissed them with these words: “As long as I live, I will assist and help you, as far as lies in my power.” Such are the revenues of the offices of the Seigniors and princes of the savages.

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