

kindle a council fire at three Rivers, and a great necklace of three thousand beads to serve as wood, or fuel for this fire. The Savages hold scarcely any assembly without the calumet filled with tobacco [21] in their mouths; and, as fire is necessary to the use of tobacco, they nearly always kindle fires at all their assemblies,—insomuch that it is the same thing with them to light a council fire, or to keep a place suitable for assembling, or a house for visiting one another, as do relatives and friends.

Two days after this assembly, Monsieur our Governor, very prudently adapting himself to the usages among these peoples, sent for those deputies; he dealt with them according to their customs; the Hurons who were there, and the Algonquins, did not fail to be present.

The Frenchman who understands the Iroquois language offered a gift on behalf of Onontio, to congratulate the Annierronnon Iroquois, and in token of the esteem in which he held their nation for having kept its word.

He made another, to signify the satisfaction that he received on seeing the earth leveled, and the hatchet lifted and removed from the heads of the Hurons and the Algonquins; for, as regards the French, their peace was made from the time of the first interview.

In the third place, he offered a necklace of [22] a thousand Porcelain beads, for assurance that he would keep lighted that council fire which they had requested at three Rivers, and that the fuel should not fail for it,—that is to say, that they would always be welcome, and that hearing would be given to the Captains who should come to treat of affairs.