

The sword was to signifie that we should be masters both of peace and warrs, being willing to healpe and relieve them, & to destroy our Ennemyes wth our armes. The second guift was of 2 and 20 awles, 50 needles, 2 gratters of castors, 2 ivory combs and 2 wooden ones, wth red painte, 6 looking-glasses of tin. The awles signifieth to take good courage, that we should keepe their lives, and that they wth their husbands should come downe to the ffrench when time and season should permit. Y^e needles for to make them robes of castor, because the ffrench loved them. The 2 gratters weare to dresse the skins; the combes, the paint, to make themselves beautifull; the looking-glasses to admire themselves. The 3^d guift was of brasse rings, of small bells, and rasades¹ of divers colours, and given in this maner. We sent a man to make all y^e children come together. When they weare there we throw these things over their heads. You would admire what a beat was among them, every one striving to have y^e best. This was done uppon this consideration, that they should be allwayes under our protection, giving them wherewthall to make them merry & remember us when they should be men.

This done, we are called to the Councell of welcome and to the feast of ffriendshipp, afterwards to the dancing of the heads; but before the dancing we must mourn for y^e deceased, and then, for to forgett all sorrow, to the dance. We gave them foure small guifts that they should continue such ceremonies, w^{ch} they tooke willingly and did us good, that gave us authority among the whole nation. We knewed their counceles, and made them doe whatsoever we thought best. This was a great advantage for us, you must think. Amongst such a rowish kind of people a guift is much, and well bestowed, and liberality much esteemed; but not prodigalitie is not in esteeme, for they abuse it, being brutish. Wee have ben using such ceremonies 3 whole days, & weare lodged in y^e cabban of the chiefest captayne, who came wth us from the ffrench. We liked not the company of that blind, therefore left him. He wondered at this, but

¹ Goblets or mugs.—ED.