

takes courage to use it. The weather continued so 3 dayes that we needed no racketts more, for the snow hardned much. The small staggs are [as] if they weare stakes in it after they made 7 or 8 capers. It's an easy matter for us to take them and cutt their throats wth our knives. Now we see ourselves a little nourished, but yett have not payed, ffor it cost many their lives. Our gutts became very straight by our long fasting, that they could not containe the quantity that some putt in them. I cannot omitt the pleasant thoughts of some of them wildmen. Seeing my brother allways in the same condition, they said some Devill brought him wherewthall to eate; but if they had seene his body they should be of another oppinion. The beard that covered his face made as if he had not altered his face. For me that had no beard, they said I loved them, because I lived as well as they. From the second day we began to walke.

There came 2 men from a strange countrey who had a dogg; the buissnesse was how to catch him cunningly, knowing well those people love their beasts. Neverthesse wee offred guifts, but they would not, w^{ch} made me stubborne. That dogge was very leane and as hungry as we weare, but the masters have not suffered so much. I went one night neare that same cottage to doe what discretion permitts me not to speake. Those men were Nadoneseronons. They weare [so] much respected that nobody durst not offend them, being that we weare upon their land wth their leave.¹ The dogg comes out, not by any smell but by good like. I take him and bring him a litle way. I stabbed him wth my dagger. I brought him to the cottage, where [he] was broyled like a pigge and cutt in peeces, gutts and all, soe every one of the family had his share. The snow where he was killed was not lost, ffor one of our company went and gott it to season the kettles. We began to looke better dayly. We gave [held] y^e rendezvous to [at] the convenientest place to celebrat that great feast.

¹ The Frenchmen, with their Huron and Ottawa companions, had by this time wandered into the country of the "Dahkotahs or Sioux, west of Lake Superior, in the Mille Lacs region of Minnesota." (*Minn. Hist. Coll.*, v., p. 401.)