

Some 2 moons after there came 8 ambassadors from the nations of Nadoneseronons, that we will call now the Nation of the beefe.<sup>1</sup> Those men each had 2 wives, loadened of Oats, corne that grows in that countrey, of a small quantity of Indian Corne, w<sup>th</sup> other grains, & it was to present to us, w<sup>ch</sup> we received as a great favour & token of friendship; but it had been [more] welcome if they had brought it a month or two before. They made great ceremonies in greasing our feete and leggs, and we painted them w<sup>th</sup> red. They stript us naked and put upon us cloath of buffe<sup>2</sup> and of white castors. After this they weeped upon our heads untill we weare wetted by their tears, and made us smoake in their pipes after they kindled them. It was not in common pipes, but in pipes of peace and of the warrs, that they pull out but very seldom, when there is occasion for heaven and earth. This done, they perfumed our cloaths and armour one after an other, and to conclude did throw a great quantity of tobacco into the fire. We told them that they prevented us, for letting us know that all persons of their nation came to visit us, that we might dispose of them.

The next morning they weare called by our Interpretor. We understood not a word of their language, being quit contrary to those that we weare w<sup>th</sup>. They are arrived, they satt downe. We made a place for us more elevated, to be more att our ease & to appeare in more state. We borrowed their Calumet, saying that we are in their countrey, and that it was not lawfull for us to carry anything out of our countrey. That pipe is of a red stone, as bigge as a fist and as long as a hand. The small reede as long as five foot, in breadth, and of the thicknesse of a thumb. There is tyed to it the taylor of an eagle all painted over w<sup>th</sup> severall colours and open like a fan, or like that makes a kind of a wheele when he shuts; below the toppe of the steeke is covered w<sup>th</sup> feathers of ducks and other birds that are of a fine colour. We tooke the taylor of the eagle, and instead of it we hung 12 Iron bows in the same manner as y<sup>e</sup> feathers weare,

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<sup>1</sup> Bœuf Sioux. — ED.

<sup>2</sup> Buffalo skins. — ED.