

peece sown att the side of y<sup>e</sup> heele, w<sup>ch</sup> was of a haire of Buff, w<sup>ch</sup> trailed above halfe a foot upon the earth, or rather on the snow. They had swords and knives of a foot and a halfe long, and hattchetts very ingeniously done, and clubbs of wood made like backswords; some made of a round head that I admired it. When they kille their ennemy they cutt off y<sup>e</sup> tuffe of haire and tye it about their armes. After [over] all, [they] have a white robe made of castors' skins painted. Those having passed through the middle of ours, that weare ranged att every side of the way. The Elders came w<sup>th</sup> great gravitie and modestie, covered with buff coats w<sup>ch</sup> hung downe to y<sup>e</sup> grounde. Every one had in his hand a pipe of Councill sett w<sup>th</sup> precious jewells. They had a sack on their shoulders, and y<sup>t</sup> that holds it grows in the middle of their stomacks and on their shoulders. In this sacke all y<sup>e</sup> world is inclosed. Their face is not painted, but their heads dressed as the foremost. Then y<sup>e</sup> women laden like unto so many mules, their burdens made a greater shew then they themselves; but I suppose the weight was not equipolent to its bignesse. They weare conducted to the appointed place, where the women unfolded their bundles, and flang their skins whereof their tents are made, so that they had howses [in] lesse than half an heure.

After they rested they came to the biggest cabbane constituted for that purpose. There weare fires kindled. Our Captayne made a speech of thanksgiving, w<sup>ch</sup> should be long to writ it. We are called to the councill of new come chiefe, where we came in great pompe, as you shall heare. First they come to make a sacrifice to the ffrench, being Gods and masters of all things, as of peace, as warrs; making the knives, the hattchetts, and y<sup>e</sup> kettles rattle, etc. That they came purposely to putt themselves under their protection. Moreover, that they came to bring them back againe to their countrey, having by their means destroyed their Ennemyes abroad & neere. So said, they present us w<sup>th</sup> guifts of Castors' skins, assuring us that y<sup>e</sup> mountains were elevated, y<sup>e</sup> valleys risen, the ways very smooth, the bows of trees cutt downe to goe w<sup>th</sup> more ease, and bridges erected over rivers, for not to wett our feete; that the dores of their