

have tried to prevent our people from undertaking anything against thy young men; but they would not believe me, and I have been alone in my opinion. When they learned that thou wert coming, they were afraid of thee, and have begged me to tell thee on their behalf that they wish to see thee in their village, in order to reunite themselves to thy person—which they have not altogether abandoned, since if they had carried out the scheme with which the Outaouaks inspired them against the French, they would have taken care of thy children. As for me, I have taken no part in their Conspiracy; and on that account I have come to meet thee, to entreat that, if thou wilt not grant me anything for them, thou wilt at least not refuse to come and listen to them, out of consideration for me.”

It was very difficult to obtain from those peoples all the satisfaction which we had desired. Their great distance from us prevents us from reducing them to obedience; and the blustering manner which must be assumed with them was the best policy that could be adopted to make them fear us. Perrot, who understood their character, yielded the point out of consideration for this Chief, and promised to remain with them half a day, in order to listen to their words. The Chief went away to console his people; he came back alone to meet Perrot, to ask him that he would land at the village. Another Chief, seeing that the French did not leave their canoes, said that they were afraid. Our men answered that we did not fear them, and that the weapons of the French were able to make them repent, if they had the temerity to offer us any affront. The first-named Chief was greatly incensed against this one, and said to his countrymen: “O Outagamis, will you always be fools? You will make the Frenchman embark, and he will abandon us. What will become of us? can we plant our fields if he will not allow it?” Throughout the Village there were endless Harangues, to quiet those who were seditious, and to induce the others to give sieur Perrot a good reception. The head Chief conducted him to his own cabin, where were present the most influential men of the tribe, who said to him “Welcome!” while offering him every token of kind feeling. Two young men entirely naked, armed as warriors, laid at his feet two packages