

you is true, for I really have kept back the Nations, who have obeyed me. But you are now intending to advance against them; the road that you would take I close to you, my brothers, for I am not willing that it should be stained with blood. If you kill the Outagamis or their allies, you cannot do so without first striking me; if they slay you, they likewise slay me; for I hold them under one of my arms, and you under the other. Can you then do them any wrong without doing it to me?" He was holding the Calumet which they had sung to him when he first made discovery of their Nation; he presented it to them to smoke, but they refused it. The insult which they thus offered was so great that he flung the Calumet at their feet, saying to them: "It must be that I have accepted a Calumet which dogs have sung to me, and that they no longer remember what they said to me. In singing it to me, they chose me as their Chief, and promised me that they would never make any advance against their enemies when I presented it to them; and yet today they are trying to kill me." Immediately a war-Chief arose, and told Perrot that he was in the right; he then extended it toward the Sun, uttering invocations, and tried to return it to Perrot's hands. The latter replied that he would not receive it unless they assured him that they would lay down their weapons. The Chief hung it on a pole in the open place within the Fort, turning it toward the Sun; then he assembled all the leading men in his tent, and obtained their consent that no hostile advance should be made. He then called Perrot thither, and sent for the Calumet; he placed it before him, one end in the earth and the other held upright by a small forked stick. He drew from his war-pouch a pair of moccasins, beautifully made; then he took off Perrot's shoes, and with his own hands put the moccasins on the Frenchman's feet. Finally he presented to him a dish of dried grapes, and three times put some of the fruit in Perrot's mouth. After he had eaten these, the Chief took the Calumet and said to him: "I remember all that these men promised to thee when they presented to thee this Calumet; and now we listen to thee. Thou art depriving us of the prey that the Spirit had given us, and thou art giving life to our enemies. Now do for us what thou hast done for them,