

dred paces from the shore, the Chief rose in his canoe and harangued the Old Men who stood at the water's edge; he gave an account of the favorable reception which had been accorded them at Montreal. An old man informed them, meanwhile praising the Sky and the Sun who had thus favored them, that there was a Frenchman in the Village who had protected them in several times of danger; at this, the Pouteouatemis suddenly flung themselves into the water, to show their joy at so pleasing an occurrence. They had taken pleasure in painting themselves in a very peculiar manner; and the French garments, which had been intended to make them more comfortable, disfigured them in a ludicrous fashion. They carried Perot with them, whether or no he would, in a scarlet blanket, and made him go around the Fort, while they marched in double files in front and behind him, with guns over their shoulders, often firing volleys. This Cortège arrived at the cabin of the Chief who had led the band, where all the Old Men were assembled; and a great feast of Sturgeon was served. This Chief then related a more detailed account of his Voyage, and gave a very correct idea of French usages. He described how the trade was carried on; he spoke with enthusiasm of what he had seen in the houses, especially of the cooking; and he did not forget to exalt Onontio,¹ who had called them his children and had regaled them with bread, prunes, and raisins, which seemed to them great delicacies.

Those Peoples were so delighted with the alliance that they had just made that they sent deputies in every direction to inform the Islinois, Miamis, Outagamis, Maskoutechs, and Kikabous that they had been at Montreal, whence they had brought much merchandise; they besought those tribes to visit them and bring them Beavers. Those Nations were too far away to profit by this at first; only the Outagamis came to establish themselves for the Winter at a place thirty leagues from the Bay, in order to share in the benefit of the goods which they could obtain from the Pouteouatemis. Their hope that some French-

¹ The Huron-Iroquois appellation of the governor of Canada; afterward extended to the governor of New York, and even to the king of France.—Ed.