

They received the new Commandant<sup>1</sup> with loud demonstrations of joy; as soon as they learned that he was near at hand, they ranged themselves along the Shore, carrying their weapons; and as soon as he came in sight they saluted him with a volley from their Guns, accompanied with loud cries of delight. Then four of their Principal men waded into the River, in which they soon stood up to their waists, boarded his Canoe, and placed him upon a large Robe, composed of several Deer-Skins neatly sewed together, each of them holding a corner of it. They carried him thus to his Lodging, where they paid him compliments and said many very flattering things to him.

On the next day, the Chiefs of the two Nations paid me a visit, and an Otchagra showed me a Catalan Pistol, a pair of Spanish shoes, and some kind of Drug, which seemed to me like a sort of Ointment. All these he had obtained from an *Aiouez* [Iowa]; and now I will tell you by what opportunity these articles fell into the hands of the latter.

About two years ago, some Spaniards—who had come, it was said, from New Mexico, intending to penetrate as far as the Illinois, and drive out thence the French, whom they saw with extreme jealousy advancing so far on the Missouri—descended that River, and attacked two Villages of *Octotatas*, People who are Allies of the *Aiouez*, from whom, it is even claimed, they take their origin. As those Savages had no firearms, and were taken by surprise, the Spaniards had easily the advantage over them, and made great carnage there. A third Village of the same Tribe, not very far from the other two, learned what was occurring; and, not doubting that these Conquerors would proceed to them, prepared for the enemy an Ambuscade, into which the Spaniards rashly fell. Others say that the Savages, having learned that their Enemies were nearly all intoxicated, and sleeping heavily, fell upon them during the night. But it is certain that nearly all of the Spaniards were slain.

There were in that Troop two Chaplains; one of them was killed at the outset, and the other escaped among the *Mis-*

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<sup>1</sup>Captain de Montigny, whom Charlevoix accompanied to Green Bay.—ED.