

said, by way of excuse for not having any Beaver-skins, that they had until then roasted those animals.

That alliance began, therefore, through the agency of *Sieur Perot*. A week later the Savages made a solemn feast, to thank the Sun for having conducted him to their Village. In the Cabin of the great Chief of the *Miamis* an altar had been erected, on which he had caused to be placed a *Pindiikosan*. This is a Warrior's Pouch, filled with medicinal herbs, and wrapped in the skins of animals, the rarest that they can find; it usually contains all that inspires their dreams. *Perot*, who did not approve this Altar, told the great Chief that he adored a God who forbade him to eat things sacrificed to evil Spirits or to the skins of animals. They were greatly surprised at this, and asked if he would eat provided they shut up their *Manitous*; this he consented to do. The Chief begged *Perot* to consecrate him to his Spirit, whom he would thenceforth acknowledge; he said that he would prefer that Spirit to his own, who had not taught them to make Hatchets, Kettles, and all else that men need; and hoped that by adoring him they would obtain all the knowledge that the French had. This Chief governed his people as a sort of Sovereign; he had his Guards, and whatever he said or ordered was regarded as Law.

The *Pouteouatemis*, jealous that the French had found the way to the *Miamis*, secretly sent a Slave to the latter, who said many unkind things about the French; he said that the *Pouteouatemis* held them in the utmost contempt, and regarded them as dogs. The French, who had heard these abusive remarks, put him into a condition where he could say no more outrageous things; the *Miamis* regarded the Spectacle with great tranquillity. When it was time to return to the Bay, the Chiefs sent all their young men to escort the Frenchmen thither, and made them many presents. The *Pouteouatemis*, having learned of the Frenchman's arrival, came to assure him of the interest they felt in his safe return, and were very impatient to know whether the Nations from whom he had come had treated him well. But when they heard the reproaches which he uttered for their sending a Slave who had said most ungenerous things regarding the French Nation, they attempted to make an explana-