

thoughts and my actions. Rely on my word and no harm will come to you."

We thanked him and presented him with a *brasse*¹ of tobacco; and we promised that all the good he would do us would be repaid a hundred fold.

The *White robe*, a famous orator, paid me a visit the following day. "Thy face," I said to him, "is not unknown to me. Did I not see thee at Detroit in Monsieur De Lamotte's² time? Thou wert then considered a wise man and I am delighted to see thee." The savage was charmed with my compliment and the tobacco I gave him and expressed his regret at our detention; he advised me *to be wise*, that is to say to get myself cleverly out of the difficulty by giving presents to the young men.

Chaouénon, a man of credit and respected above all by the young Kikapous, was also profuse in his offers to serve me, and I won him to my interest by great promises. Everything being thus prepared and the chiefs being all gathered together in the village, I caused the council to be assembled.

Word of Monsieur De Boucherville accompanied by 4 barrels of powder, 2 guns, a 30 pound kettle, 7 pounds of vermilion, 12 hatchets, 2 dozen large knives, 7 braided coats, 2 cloth blankets, 2 white blankets, 7 bags of shot, etc., etc.

"My brothers, children of Ononthio. I learned from six Frenchmen and two Folles-avoines that the French and their allies had driven the Renards from their country to punish them for having deluged the earth with blood, and having last spring reddened the waters of the Mississippi with the blood of many Frenchmen. Perfidious people that they are, when we passed through their land a year ago, they promised us to remain quiet and atone for the past. We declared to them that they had everything to hope from the clemency of their new father Ononthio; and that we, on our part, would strive to pacify the

¹A French linear measure, equivalent to 5.318 English feet. The tobacco was twisted into a sort of rope, and measured off by this standard.—Ed.

²Consult documents in *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, xvi, pp. 204-208, 242-247, 251-256, 292, 379.—Ed.