

Then ordered up a very good private present, and dismissed them. In the evening, the ladies and gentlemen all assembled at my quarters, danced the whole night until 7 o'clock in the morning, when all parted very pleased and happy. I promised to write Mademoiselle Curie as soon as possible my sentiments; there never was so brilliant an assembly here before.

Wednesday 16th. Still fair weather, wind contrary for us. I ordered all the baggage to be packed up, and everything ready to embark to-morrow. About eleven, the Huron chiefs arrived, and acquainted me that they waited for the other nations, who, when assembled, would acquaint me, and come to my quarters. I am to dine this day with Captain Campbell. About one o'clock, the Hurons, Ottawas, Pottawattamies, Chippewas, &c., met at my quarters, and made several speeches, large and full of gratitude, as by the minutes of this day's conference will appear. They also answered to the Mohawk belts, with which they had spoken to all the nations the tenth inst; and delivered them a calumet to be kept and smoked out of at our council at the Mohawk's;—the smoke of which will reach the most distant nations. This calumet was delivered by the Chippewas, and a bunch of green painted wampum to me, wherewith to dispel all clouds, and to clear all about us. I gave out private presents to the four chiefs of the Hurons, which were very considerable, and pleased them much. Nickus, the Mohawk, desired I would take home the pipe, belts, and strings, and deliver them to the sachems of the two Mohawk castles.

Thursday 17th. I counted out, and delivered to Mr. Croghan some silver works, viz; one hundred and fifty ear-bobs, two hundred brooches or breast buckles, and ninety large crosses of silver, to send to Ensign Gorrel of the Royal Americans,³⁰ posted at La Bay on Lake Michigan, in order to pur-

³⁰ James Gorrell was a native of Maryland, who joined the Royal Americans as ensign in 1759. In the autumn of the following year he went out with Rogers and Campbell to Detroit, and the next spring was sent back to Niagara for provisions, returning to his post June 20, 1761. Chosen to command at La Baye, he left with Captain Balfour September 10, and reaching the old French fort in Wisconsin on