

Horses and Cuming Near the Camp Made a Stop and Seat Down on the Ground. I Perseaved five Parsons from the Camp Aproching—four was Impleyd in Caring a Beaver Blanket finely Panted—the Other Held in his Hand a Callemat or Pipe of Pece—Verey finely Drest with Differant feathers with Panted Haire. They all Seat By me Except the one who Held the Pipe. Thay Ordered the Pipe Lit With a Grate dele of Sarremoney. After Smokeing a fue Whifs the Stem was Pinte East and West—then North and South—then upward toward the Skies—then to ye Earth after which we all Smoked in turn and Apeard Verey frendlye. I Could not understand one word thay said But from thare actions I Supposed it to be all frendship. After smokeing thay took of my shoes and Put on me a pair of fine Mockasans or Leather shoes of thare One make Raught in a Cureas Manner—then thay Lade me Down on the Blanket—One Hold of Each Corner and Cared me to the Camp In a Lodg among a Verey Vennarable Asembly of Old men. I was Plased at the Bottom or Back Part which is Asteamed the Highist Plase. After Smokeing an Old man Ros up on his feet with as much Greaveatey as Can be Conseaved of he Came to me—Laid his Hands on my Head and Grond out—I—I—I three times—then drawed his Rite Hand Down on my Armes faneing [feinging] a Sort of a Crey as if he Shead tears—then Sit Down—the Hole follode the Same Exampel which was twelve in Number.⁶⁵ There was in the Midel of the Lodg a Rased Pece of Ground about five Inchis in Hight five feet long two and a half Brod on which was a fire & Over that Hung three Brass Kettels fild with Meete Boiling for a feast. While we ware Impleyd in this Sarremony there was wateing at the Dore four men to take me up and Care

⁶⁵ This singular custom among the Sioux had been noted ever since the days of Father Hennepin, who in 1680 describes his welcome as follows: "Many Nights together some or other of the Elders came and wept over us. They rubb'd our Arms and Bodies very often with their Hands, which they afterwards laid on our Heads. These Tears gave us many uneasie thoughts." Thwaites, *Hennepin's New Discovery* (Chicago, 1903), i, p. 244.—Ed.